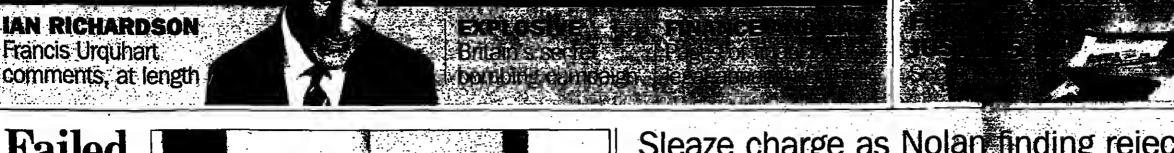
SECTION TWO

IAN RICHARDSON Francis Urguhart





# **Failed** school to be shut down

JUDITH JUDD

Hackney Downs, the first school to be forcibly removed from council control, cannot be turned round and should close, a Government-appointed team of experts said yesterday. The final decision about the

London comprehensive rests with Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for Education, who said she was minded to accept the recommendation. It is the first time central government has intervened in the closure of an individual school under new powers which allow the Government to send "hit squads" into failing schools,

The report from the first education association which was sent into the school found very poor teaching, low literacy and numeracy, bad management and boys out of control.

ft blamed poor management

by the local authority and the school and a culture of low expectation among teachers. Most classes "were subject to constant disruption by a few disruptive boys whose loud, often coarse and occasionally foul-mouthed comments ensured little or no education took place."

Teachers gave high marks to enabled, inaccurate and obviausly rushed work and boys in their GCSE year struggled with simple arithmetic such as 168 di-

Richard Painter, the association's chairman, said: "Many school is uniquely disadvantaged. This is clearly not the case. There are many other schools in similar circumstances in Hackney and in the inner city elsewhere which provide a better quality of education." The state of the buildings was so ap-palling, he said, that £3m was needed to repair them.

But io many ways the school was generously financed. Because only 200 boys remain in a building for 1,000, £6,486 was being spent on each pupil com-pared with a national average of £2,400 for pupils in grant-maintained schools. The pupilteacher ratio was 8-1, just half of the national average.

The report says the remaining pupils should be transferred to Homerton House, a boy's school a mile away. The 40 staff would be made redundant but would be able to apply for jobs at Homerton House.

The team could have decided to take over the school which would have become grant-maintained, if it believed big im-

provements were possible. But the report says the school's difficulties are so fundamental and long-standing that it is questionable whether any school could recover from them without complete re-or-

Professor Michael Barber, one of the six association members, said: "It has had a long history of decline and conflict, poor relationships within the staff, poor relationships between the staff and the local authority and extreme union influence."

Pupils' anger, page 3



Grim lesson: A teacher and pupil at Hackney Downs School after hearing yesterday that Photograph: Edward Webb it is likely to close in December

Sleaze charge as Nolan finding rejected

# MPs oppose plan to reveal earnings

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Political Correspondent

A fresh row over Tory "sleaze" is set to erupt today following a decision by the Conservative majnrity on the committee examining the Nolan report to opearnings.

The committee chairman, Tony Newton, Leader of the House, and Conservative members say a new ban, agreed by all sides of the committee, on MPs tabling questions or en-gaging in other "advocacy" for outside interests makes disclo-

sure of earnings irrelevant. Labour yesterday launched a campaign to embarrass Tories opposed to disclosure in the run-up to what is likely to be an explosive Commons debate oo Monday. MPs will be asked to vote on the committee's report and what could be a series of Labour amendments.

Committee members were locked in combat at a meeting yesterday over the timing of the reforms. Labour waots the changes to bite within three months, but Mr Newton has proposed a delay until the beginning of the next parliament.



Lord Nolan: Idea opposed

The committee majority's move, which Labour sources say was prompted by pressure from Cabinet ministers, could play badly for the Government. Jim Dowd, Labour MP for Lewisham West, asked at Prime Minister's Questions: "When will you stop trying to defend the snout-in-the-trough behaviour of so many oo the benches be-

But Conservative sources yesterday claimed the final shape of the package went "much further" than the recommendations of Lord Nolan's Committee oo Standards in Public Life, which called for disright ban on MPs holding multi-client consultancies with PR firms or professional lobbyists. The latter recommendation is now a dead letter. The advocacy ban, champi-

oned in committee by lain Dun-can-Smith. Tory MP for Chingford, and Sir Iterence Hig-gins, is likely to cover the tabling of written questions, Early Day Motions, amendments, oral questions or Private Members' Bills for any outside interest for which MPs are paid consul-tants. They would also be barred from speaking in debates or arranging meetings with ministers on behalf of clients and from tabling amendments to Bills in standing committee if they had

relevant outside interests. While Labour supports such a ban, it is opposed to further rewriting of the Nolan report.

The party yesterday decided to write to all Tory MPs in marnal constituencies to press them to support disclosure. The letters will ask whether they agree that Nolan should be implemented in full, whether they are one of the 100 Tory MPs referred to in Sunday newspapers

closure of outside earnings in who are threatening to resign if full or within bands and an out- Nolan is implemented and (to right ban on MPs holding relevant MPs): "When are you going to reveal the extra-par-liamentary earnings you have which are directly related to

your parliamentary activities?" While some Tories were coofident last night that their rear-guard action in getting agreement to the advocacy ban had tied Labour's hands on the issue of disclosure, the issue will ultimately turn on Monday's votes. Government sources were not over-confident last night that a Labour amendment calling for disclosure on top of the advocacy ban would occes-sarily be defeated. Sir Teddy Taylor, Conserva-

tive MP for Southend East, said while the advocacy ban was a useful step forward "it does-n't deal with letters on behalf of clients or meetings with minis-ters ... People will think there is something rather sleazy about the Conservative Party unless

we agree to full disclosure". Sir Gordon Downey, former Comptroller and Auditor General, was last night named as the first Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, who will

MICHAEL SHERIDAN Diplomatic Editor

Writers, governments and huworld protested to the Nigerian military regime yesterday after a "special tribunal" sentenced playwright and political activist Ken Saro-Wiwa to death.

Mr Saro-Wiwa, 54, has become a spokesman for the minority Ogoai ethnic group in southern Nigeria and has waged a campaign against environ-mental pollution by oil companies which operate in the area. The Anglo-Dutch giant, Shell. is the main oil producer in the

region.

The tribunal, hand-picked by Nigeria's military rulers, found Mr Saro-Wiwa and three others guilty of the murders of

four men killed at a political rally last year and sentenced them to hang. The convicted meo

have no right of appeal. condemnation from the Writers in Prisoo Committee of Inlemational PEN, a writers' organisation active in 90 countries on behalf of freedom of expression. Writers such as Ben Okri, Margaret Drabble and Harold Pinter demonstrated outside the Nigerian High

Commission yesterday. Describing the death sentences as "an outrage" the committee said the trial was politically motivated and aleged that witnesses had been bribed. The Foreign Office urged the Nigerian government

trial "a flawed judicial process"

Mr Saro-Wiwa's sectence is a blow to Britain's pursuit of diplomacy to bring about a return to civilian rule in Nigeria at oext week's Commonwealth summit for sanctions against the regime. The Commonwealth Secretary General, Chief Emeka Anyaoku, said "I appeal to the Nigerian authorities to spare his life."

Labour's foreign affairs spokesman, Tony Lloyd, called for wide-ranging sanctions to be imposed on Nigeria, including an incremental od embargo

and the freezing of persocal bank accounts held by members

In New York, the Human to Nigeria's military ruler, Gen-eral Sani Abacha, to "comply with international obligations by commuting the death sentences in this case". Article 19, an international campaign against censorship, said the British Government and others should demand that the scotences be quashed before the Commonwealth summit opens.

Tackling the generals, page 4

# Tate saves visitors from poisoning by art

DAVID LISTER Arts Correspondent

The hazards of contemporary installation art rebounded on Britain's best known exponent vesterday when Damien Hirst's latest bizarre creation was withdrawn from the Tate Gallery on

safety grounds. Mother and Child Divided – a cow and her calf - was to have to put on show to the public today, along with the other three shortlisted contenders for this vear's Turner Prize.

Its controversial nature is illustrated by the catalogue entry: "The tanks are placed so that the viewer can pass between the divided animals, Leading article, page 18 | closely examining the exposed

entrails and flesh pressing attracted unwelcome or inter-against the glass. For some this ventionist attention. Two years is disturbing, even repulsive. For others, it generates a melan-

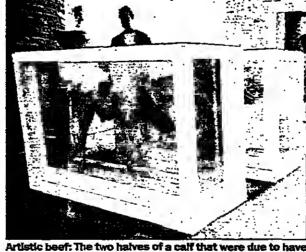
cholic empathy." With a view, perhaps, to the reaction of others unmentioned - animal rights activists, for instance - officials at the Tate are insisting that the installation is not put on public show until it four formaldehyde-filled tanks has been fitted with strength-containing the severed halves of ened glass and seals to pratect visitors from the effects of exposure to the chemicals if it were to spring a sudden leak.

Although the exhibit has previously been shown in Venice, the Tate is taking no chances and will not put it on show until the work is done - probably Monday.
It is not the first time Hirst's

works have caused problems or odours would be overwhelming.

ago, his dead sheep exhibit -Away from the Flock - Was doused in black ink while on show at another London gallery. and in New York a gallery de-cided to ban another piece de-

picting a rotting cow and hull. The latter involved a hydraulic device being inserted into the two animals in a glass tank to simulate movement, and copulation, as they rotted away. The New York health depariment said it would pose n public health risk as it might explode, or even provoke vomiting, among spectators. Quoting Catch 22, officials decreed that if the tank was scaled it could shatter from the build up of gas-es, but if there was an outlet the



gone on display at the Tate today

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### IN BRIEF

Names' £300m hope | Stadium choice delayed The loss-making Lloyd's of London Names won a landmark judgement in the High Court yesterday against auditors Ernst & Young which could pro-Page 20 tion would be needed. Page 7

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The decision on where to build the proposed oew national stadium went into extra time vesterday when the Sports Council announced that it had narrowed

Quebec votes 'non'

country by a margin that

would fit in a football statium.

But the vote over autonomy

for Quebec revealed a surge

skills because of bad maths teaching in schools, says a new report. Students on university maths coursdown the choice to Wembley or es cannot carry out hasic arith-Manchester, and that a further | metical and algebraic calculations outs estimated by some at | three-to-six months of delibera- | and have little idea that maths requires precision. Body Shop comes clean Canada survived as a unified Body Shop International admit-

Students in sum trouble

Many university maths and science

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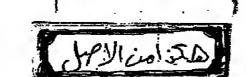


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IN BRIEF Cattle dealer fined for BSE claims

A leading cattle dealer who "betrayed the farming community by buying in cattle from West Country, markets, re-tagging

them and declaring that they came from his BSE-free herd.

was fined £30,000 yesterday at Exeter crown court.
David King, 42, of Matford
Park Farm, Exminster, Devon.

pleaded guilty to six charges was under the Trade Descriptions

Act. He was also ordered to pay

the £18,500 costs of the inves-

tigation carried out by Devon Trading Standards Department,

which brought the prosecution.

Martin Meeke, for the prosecution, said that for a "few

pieces of silver" King had "be-

trayed the farming community

and "pnt a substantial industry

NHS employers have equal op-portunity policies in place, many are failing to implement them leading to nurses being held

lice who gave his belongings to

a charity shop. Stephen Garbutt.

43, spent six weeks on remand

before being sentenced to 40

hours' community work for

making off without paying his

hill. But when he asked for the

return of his property, he was

told it had been disposed off and

Lettuce grower fined

some items given to charity.

back in their careers. **Cheat wins payout** A man who cheated a hotel has been awarded £918 compensation from Gloucestershire Po-

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in jeopardy".

Tony Newton, Leader of the Commons, divorced 1986

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STEPHEN WARD

Conservative MPs which rep-

resent it. The Church of Eng-

land and the Catholic church

both back the Lord Chancellor's

reforms, as do the Law Com-

mission (which advises govern-

ment on legislation). However,

it is the moral objections of the

interdennminational group

which uses the acronym Care, and has 100.000 subscribers

which have started getting at-

Yesterday, Charles Colchester, its director, had a meeting

with Lord Mackay, and gave him

the unequivocal message that he

was not prepared to give any sup-

Mr Colchester said: "Our

port to a divorce bill.

counted.



Sir Dudley Smith, Warwick & Learnington, divorced 1974 Sir Peter Tapsell, East Lindsey, divorced Nigel Waterson, Eastbourne, divorced-1989 John Wildnson, Russip-Northwood,

> Black and Asian nurses working in the National Health Service are suffering from widespread facial harassment and are frequently discriminated against. A report published to-day by the Policy Studies Insti-tute said that although most

# Ministers plan divorce reform retreat Christian pressure group

# Fears that Bill may be dropped to avoid split

DONALD MACINTYRE **POLITICAL EDITOR** 

FRONT BENCH

Pavillon, Brighton.

Senior ministers last night began to draw up contingency plans for a hasty retreat from their commitment to divorce law reform in the face of mounting anxiety within the Cabinet and open opposition on

the Tory right wing.

Lord Mackay, the Lord

Chancellor, was facing an increasingly uphill struggle to keep his Bill alive and intact as ministers openly speculated about the possibility that it could he dropped from the Queen's Speech in order to avoid an embarrassing split in Conservative ranks.

Cahinet ministers are unlikely to take a final decision on the Bill, which ends the "quickie" divorce based on fault and imposes a new one-year coolingoff period, until early next week. But with the Bill no longer guaranteed a place in the Queen's Speech, ministers set about the delicate task of constructing a rationale for shelving a measure already approved without dissent in Cahinet.

make the agreed programme subject to review in the light of extra measures needed as a result of the public expenditure settlement. A social security Bill - possibly to cut single parents benefit - is expected among other measures to enact spending

Authoritative sources in Westminster suggested that if such measures were to be enacted, the divorce Bill would be a prime candidate to h e dropped

Lord Mackay and his supporters insist that the Bill, which would end the two-year wait for uncontested divorces and five years for contested ones, would not make divorce easier. They say it would remove much of the harrowing aggravation of disputes over family and property and place an added emphasis on mediation.

Even some ministers who accept these arguments were suggesting last night that it

week's Cahinet decision to could be substantially amended to meet Tory objections. John Redwood, the former Welsh Secretary and now a leading figure on the hackhench right, suggested the legislation would be an "own goal" and that it should be amended to retain the concept of fault, the one-year cooling-off period and mediation. The Bill could then he whipped, so that it passed through the House without recourse to a free vote.

> The main consolation for the Lord Chancellor last night was that he secured ministerial approval for amendments to the Family Homes and Domestic Bill - which is also under attack from the Tory right. These are designed to ensure it receives Royal Assent next week provided Labour agrees to the changes.

The amendments would limit to 12 months the duration of orders allowing common law wives to continue occupying a home owned by a violent partmight still be better to ditch the Bill rather than depend on cific guidelines to confine use Lahour support in a free vote. of the measure to cases of dothout dissent in Cahinet.

Another alternative being mestic violence and harm to suggested was that the Bill children.



Lord Mackay: facing struggle to keep Bill alive

If the divorce Bill does fall, Labour is likely to charge that the retreat would be further evidence of the Tory "lurch to the right" which it is claiming Mr Major has made in return for party unity.

The accusation was at the centre of angry exchanges in the Commons yesterday. Tony Blair, the Labour leader, urged the Prime Minis-

ter to "stop pandering to the right wing of the Conservative arty". Mr Major who scornfully declared that "the centre right of

politicis is our ground."

He added: "There is no way a squatter like you will be able thrust to centre of debate for their actions. By making diegal Affairs Correspondent vorce easier, you take away rsonal responsibility."

The divorce White Paper Christian Action Research and proposed removing the fault of Education, a multi-denominaone party as a grounds for ditinnal pressure group, seemed vorce, to try to stop an adver-sarial situation getting worse. According to Care, there is a to be a voice in the wilderness until a week ago; its opposition to divorce reform officially disneed for hlame. "There is a Suddenly it is as though it has need for emotions, a catharsis heen recognised as the voice of Middle England, or at least the to do with a moral gradation in

the area of hlame. Care argues that research has shown that for children, even a bad marriage which is endured is better than a divorce.

Marriage Care, formerly the Catholic Marriage Advisory Council, supports the reforms on pragmatic grounds. Abol-ishing the concept of "fault" and a greater emphasis on conciliation meant some marriages could be saved where the present system drives the two sides further apart, it argues. Mary Corbett, the chief executive, said some marriages which were saveable were ending because they were not being given the chance for conciliation.

"If this hill is blocked, we will philosophical statement is that . want the opponents to say to us people need to be responsible how they are going to help the .. she said.

institution of marriage. At the moment, a total of £2.59m a year is spent on the support agencies, and £332m is spent on legal aid for divorces."

The Family Law Solicitors Association suggests solicitors will be squeezed out of their role when they are still needed by vulnerable divorcing partners. National Family Mediation,

an umhrella group for non-profit making mediation services, which has worked with the Lord Chancellor for five years on his proposals, thinks this is

Thelma Fisher, its director, said: "A strange coalition is forming between some lawyers who fear that yet another traditional role is being taken from them, and some MPs who fear weakening of marriage is fault is removed." She said their views were often based on myths. The changes would be more likely to stem the rising divorce rate than to accelerate the increase. "No one is saying legal advice should be removed," she said. There was no question of mediation being forced on people - it would only work if both parties agreed to it,

# Rose West tells of hatred for dead husband

WILL BENNETT

Rosemary West said yesterday that she saw her husband Frederick as an evil figure "with horns and complete with a satanic grin" after he confessed to murdering their daughter Heather.

"I hated him, I could not believe that I could ever hate anybody so much," said Mrs West on her second day in the witness box at Winchester Crown Court.

Later, she denied killing Charmaine West, daughter of her husband's first wife Rena. She told the court: "I could not have killed a little girl at that time, or at any time." Mrs West, 41, denies mur-

dering 10 girls and young women whose remains were found at two addresses where she and her husband had lived in Gloucester. West, who was charged with 12 murders, was found dead in his prison cell on 1 January this year. She hroke down and wept

several times yesterday as she was questioned by Richard Ferguson QC, for the defence. She sobbed as he asked if she had suspected that her daughter Heather had been killed and replied: "No. 1 didn't know he [Fred West] was a murderer." Mrs West said she hated her

husband after he confessed to killing Heather, who she is also accused of murdering, and continued: "I didn't want to know him. I didn't trust myself with him. I would at least have had a go at him. The worst thing was going hackwards and forwards to court together and being sat in the dock together. I requested that there be a police officer hetween us. "I just didn't see the man 1

had known all these years, he was just a walking figure of evil. "It may sound daft hut I saw him with horns and complete with a satanic grin because he never looked sorry for what he did or anything. He just used to grin like it was all a joke or

Mr Ferguson asked her if her attitude changed after West was found dead. Mrs West replied: "I am still very very angry with him. I think it will take many years for that to go."
Did you have any part to

play in the death of any of these 10 victims?" asked Mr Fergu-son. She replied: "I am not a murderer. I could not take somehody's life away from them. I would not want it done to me and I could not do it to anybody else especially my own daughter. I just feel such a fool because he has fooled all of us



Husband was 'evil': Rosemary West leaves court yesterday Photograph: George Phillips

over the years. I don't know how he managed it.

Mr Ferguson asked if she ever suspected her husband was a murderer. Mrs West replied: "Not for a moment. I could never have lived with a murderer. I would never have known when it was my turn, I would have been too scared. I would have had to have gone to the police." Mrs West wept when she

who disappeared aged 16, in 1987, and whose remains were found at the Wests' home at 25

Cromwell Street last year. She admitted that her relationship with her eldest daughter was "not too good at this time" but said that she tried to dissuade Heather from leaving home in 1987. Mrs West said the girl re-

gave evidence about Heather, mained determined to go and that she gave her husband some money to give to Heather and then went out shopping. When she came back, her husband told her that Heather had left with another woman and gone to

work at a holiday camp.

She later believed that she had spoken to Heather on the telephone. Mr West had told Brian Leveson, for the proseher that their daughter was on cution, Mrs West denied killing

the phone and she heard a "very hlurred voice" amid a noisy background which sounded like a puh or cluh.

Mrs West also denied having had a leshian relationship with Shirley Robinson, who disappeared, aged 18, in 1978, and whose remains were found at Cromwell Street together with those of an unborn child.

She said her husband was not the father of Shirley's child and had only told people that he was to cover up the fact that the real father was a someone

who wanted to avoid scandal. Mrs West admitted that she had fallen out with Shirley but denied that she was jealous of her. She said that after Shirley disappeared, West told her that the girl had gone to live with her father in Germany.

She denied that she had sexually abused Anne Marie Davis. Mr West's daughter by his first wife. Mrs West said: "It is just not true. I would not hurt Anne Marie like that. I believe that she resented me from the start. She resented me coming in between her and her father. I thought that she would accept me as she got older but she never did. She must hate me."

Under cross examination by

Charmaine, daughter of West's first wife by another man. Charmaine, whose remains

were found at the couple's previous home, 25 Midland Road, was last seen in 1971 and the court has been told that Mr West was in prison at the time. Mr Leveson said: "You killed

her." Mrs West replied: "No, sir." Mr Leveson said: "You kept her body for Fred to bury." Mrs West replied: "No, sir."

Mr Leveson continued: "And from that moment on you were ued together for ever." Mrs West said: "Please, sir, where could I have kept a body at Mid-land Road? Can you explain where I could keep a little girl's body?" Mr Leveson: "Under your flat there was a coal cellar." Mrs West: "I was not aware of it. I thought it was a vent."

Earlier, Mr Leveson ques-tioned Mrs West about a key to the cellar at 25 Cromwell Street where the remains of five victims were found. Mrs West said there was a master key, "Therefore you could have got into the cellar," said Mr Leveson. "No, sir, it was bolted from the inside," said Mrs West. Mr Leveson pointed out that

the cellar could not have been bolted from the inside if nobody was down there. The trial continues today.

One of Britain's biggest lettuce growers was fined £2,000for using a hanned, carcinogenic

pesticide on its products. Berrygate Hill Nurseries of Keyingham, near Hull, was prosecuted after routine surveillance picked up quantities of vinclozolin. a fungicide whose use has been bauned since 1991.

**Guitar on show** 

A black Fender Stratocaster said to be worth £500,000 and the last guitar Jimi Hendrix ever played, is to go on show for the first time since his death. It will be on display at the London Music Show at Wembley on 3 December, to publicise the work of flie Prince's Trust.

#### lan Bruce MP

A report yesterday on Tory MPs and peers who are senior Freemasons included among them Ian Bruce, the MP for Dorset South. The Labour Research Department, on whose said yesterday that it accepted Mr Bruce's name had been included erroneously.

Pigs in a poke

RSPCA officials in Gloucestershire are trying to find a home for four homeless heavyweight Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs and their 12 piglets. Prospective owners must love pigs, and have the land, time and money to care for the ani mals, which grow to 16 stones.

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# Agency 'trades' in women's eggs

LIZ HUNT

Women are selling their eggs for up to £1,000 per baich to an agency which recruits clients through a private clinic in London run by one of the country's top fertility experts.

The Hope Agency, whose symbol is a hen laying eggs, has about 80 women on its books. many of them young single mothers, who donate eggs three or four times a year, it is claimed in a television programme to be screened tonight. Would-be parents are shown a brochure listing the women by first names or initials, bow



or lan Craft: allegedi exploiting a legal loophole

many eggs have been collected from them, and the resulting

pregnancy rates The Here and Now programme on BBC1 alleges that the London Gynaecology and Fertility Centre run by Professor lan Craft, is exploiting a legal loop-hole which bans a clinic from paying for eggs from donors, but allows it to refer women to the agency. Donated eggs may be fertilised and implanted at the clinic for a fee of about £4,000. The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, which licences clinics, said last night that it did not have powers to intervene "as long as the clinic Itself is not making a payment".

Hope Agency's "commercial" activities only recently, a okeswoman said. The HFEA is reviewing the question of payment to donors because of time and discomfort involved; however, commercialisation of the

egg market is ruled out. Professor Robert Winston Britain's leading in-vitro fertil-isation (IVF) specialist, said he was "genuinely shocked" at the size of payments for the eggs. Licenced clinics are allowed only to pay current egg donors often friends and relatives of the infertile woman or women responding to adverts for altruistie reasons - £15 plus expenses, which usually amounts to about £100. He said vulnerable women donors were in danger of being exploited. Mr Sam Abdullah, of the Lis-

ter Fertility Clinic in London which has the largest egg donation programme in Europe with 700 women on its waiting list, said: "We have never used an agency which provides donors and we would never adrise a woman to use such an agency. Egg donation is a potentially hazardous procedure and for money to be the primary reason is very dangerous."
Mr Michael Ah-Moye, director of Holly House in Buckhurst

Hill, Essex, said that he did not ree with paid donations. Mr Ah-Moye said be bad heard of the existence of the Hope Agency from a patient previ-ously seen at the London Gynaecology and Fertility Centre. Reporters from Here and Now, ing as an infertile couple, met Katherine Bristow, who runs the agency from a cottage in Par, Cornwall, at a meeting attended by the centre's egg coordinator and secretly filmed for the programme. They were told it cost £250 to register with the agency; standard rate for a white donor was £850 and £1,000 or more for Asian, Chinese or Afro-Caribbean donors. Donors and recipients are matched by physical characteristics as far as possible. A spokesman for the Hope Agency last night declined to comment on the programme's



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According to pupils, Brian Bass, the Education Association

member who announced the closure, had said there were not

sufficient finances and that the

number of pupils was too low.

asked not to be named, said that

for two years the school had been forbidden to allow any new pupils to enrol. "We could have taken another 100 per year, but

they wouldn't let us," he said.
"The director of education

three times blocked the appointments of a substantive

head so we've only had an act-

ing head. That has not been helpful to the school."

Betty Hales, the acting head of the school, said she was dev-

astated by the judgment. "We are very, very disappointed. It's those taking their exams we're

most worried about. It's obviously going to be very difficult for them to be transferred to an-

other school just a few months before their GCSEs." She also

expressed concern about the announcement of redundancy

NUT, was more forthright.

"This is a classic case of blam-ing the victim," he said, as an-gry school children kicked their

school bags down the road to-

wards home. "Hackney needs

this school, as the parents and

teachers have proved. This is

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school just needed more time."

One member of staff, who

Children claim Hackney Downs' bad reputation is unfair as Education Association condemns standards

A surgeon taking part in a routine fertilisation operation

# Pupils vent anger at closure of school

The news, when it came, was met with a roar of disapproval that could be heard from way outside Hackney Downs School. Far from rejoicing in the closure of a school variously described as appalling, un-governable, and academically poor, its 206 pupils were mak-ing their feelings known in the only way available to them - by

booing. When they emerged 10 minutes later from the special assembly, clutching letters for their parents which announced the closure, the children were more vocal. They did not want their school to close. Nor were they happy with going to Home-rton House, the nearby school to which they were to be trans-

"I feel really had," said 15-year-old Daniel Cope, who is studying for eight GCSEs. I'm not going to Homerton House. My mate for goes there and be says it's rub-bish. There's a lot of hullying and lots of crime." He was worried at reports that classes held at Homerton House differed from his existing exam course. "What's going to hap-pen to my exams," he asked. "It's going to be a disaster. There's no other school I want

to go to. I like it bere." His father. Thomas Cope, was waiting outside the school and was equally angry at the news. "I think it's disgusting," he said. "I asked Daniel if he wanted lo transfer there



Tough lesson: Children at the 'ungovernable' Hackney Downs School yesterday

the trouble started and he said no. "My eldest son, who's now 25, went there and had nothing hus trouble because of the behaviour of the pupils. I'll keep Daniel at home and pay for tuition if I have to, but I'm not sending him to that school in the middle of his exams.

Parouty, has two sons at Hackney Downs. He said his eldest, had been offered a place at nearby Kingsland High School. But his youngest son would be kept at home rather than go to Homerton. "It's a long way from our home and I'm not satisfied by their educational stan-Another parent, Farouk dards. Here my eldest boy got

good reports and he was top of his class."

He believed, like many parents and pupils, that the school did not deserve its bad reputation. He had taken part in the 10-month campaign which suc-cessfully petitioned Hackney's educational authorities to keep it open. "We were quite opti-

Photograph: Edward Webb mistic," he said. "This has just come out of the blue."

The letter send home to par-ents claimed: "In the view of the Education Association the school has a long way to go to achieve satisfactory standards of education and internal management and the Education Association doubts if the nec-

for Hackney Downs' 30 teach-Mark Lushington, of the Hackney Teachers' Associa-tion, the Hackney branch of the

> that pupils were sitting in class-rooms with leaky roofs. At the same time, Hackney Black Parents and Teachers' Group leafleted parents, advising them to remove their children from

the school. Sixty boys were removed and the end was in sight. In May 1994 inspectors from Ofsted, the new schools inspectorate, decided Hackney Downs was at risk of failing its pupils and in need of special help. In October 1994, with just 200 boys in a school built for 1,000, Hackney Council decided to close it.

That decision was overturned last June but a month later the hit squad moved in and pre-dictions by education specialists that the school would be closed were eventually proved right.

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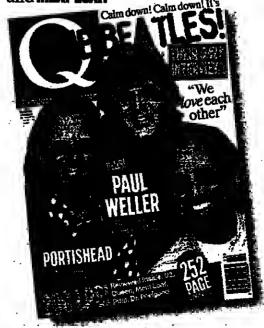
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# Pride of community destroyed by inner-city tensions

Institution that thrived on social change

STEVE BOGGAN

It was the pride of a community, the school 46 architects vied to build, the educational paragon that spawned play-

wrights, actors and politicians. Hackney Downs - or The Grocers as it was then, after the Worshipful Company of Grocers which founded it in 1876 was to have been a centre of ed-

ucational excellence. it was built in Hackney, a new and affluent part of the growing corridor into London served by a swift railway line and used by a growing commuter class. The wealthy guild members wanted their sons to receive a good education and so the school was born, Gothic in ap-pearance, public school in style.

By the turn of the century it was regarded as one of the finest in London. II remained so for almost a century. Its success was in adapting to social change but it can be said that its downfall. too, came from changes in society - the changes that brought unemployment, racial tensions and mass poverty.

Pupils included Harold Pinter, the playwright, Lords Goodman and Peston, Steven Berkoff, the writer and director, and Michael Caine, the actor.

Its fortunes mirrored those of its inner-city surroundings, where mass immigration, urban decay, unemployment and the fragmentation of family life have contributed to a debili-Initially, its diversity was its

failed challenge of new ethnic diversity strength. The eclectic nature of

its vibrant intake became apparent in the first two decades of the century when Jewish refugees from Eastern Europe swelled classrooms.

Control of The Grocers had been taken by the London County Council in 1906 and by 1944 it was called Hackney Downs. In 1963, a fire destroyed its central Victorian building. This was replaced. creating a new character as its intake shifted again with the growth of the area's Afro-Caribbean community. In 1966 it went comprehensive. During those years, the

school and rigid traditions were jettisoned and it became a haven for progressive ideas.

The racial mix that was eventually to put such a strain on pupils and teachers continued unabated, to the extent that 27 languages were spoken by the time the hit squad moved in. During the 1980s, the Afro-Caribbean predominance was replaced by Bangladeshi, Turkish and Asian influences. This at a time when unemployment continued to grow and children were facing less stability and more disruption at home as divorce rates continued to rise.

In the mid-1980s unrest

erupted among the staff and a series of national teachers' strikes hit the school. It was later closed for a year following a walkout by staff concerned over

asbestos removal. In 1993, following a boul of gang warfare between Hackney Downs boys and pupils from other schools, the school applied to take in girls to make the atmosphere less aggressive. It kept its first-year rolls free in anticipation of a positive reply, so when it was turned down by the Denartment for Education, it was left with an empty first year.

With staff feeling abandoned by the local education anthority, the head and deputy head of the school's maths department resigned over the lack of facilities. Teachers complained

Shopping in the future: Research shows town centres must diversify to survive as richest customers desert to retail parks



# High streets doomed by new breed of consumer

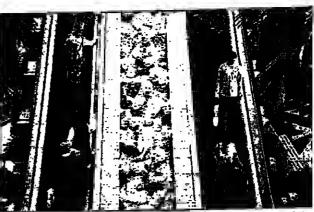
#### GLENDA COOPER

The traditional high street shop has become the "symbol of a bygone era" to a whole generation of young consumers, who prefer to shop instead at superstores and out-of-town retail parks, according to Mintel, the market researchers.

In the next century, it warns, the high street's only regular customers will be the poor, including pensioners, those on benefits and the least mobile.

Although almost half of all shoppers say they visit the high street regularly and a further 25 per cent say they visit it occasionally, Mintel says that it is becoming a source of "top-up" shopping - such as the occasional pint of milk - for the most affluent and mobile shoppers.

These richer shoppers are motivated by convenience and Retail choice, the report Survival of the



High Street concludes. Their preference for out-of-town centres is because everything is under one roof (64 per cent), followed by ease of parking (58 per cent) and free parking (53

parks have been helped vastly by the rise in car

ownership; it is projected by 1998 that there will be 25 million cars in the UK. Those least loyal to high street shops also show greatest enthusiasm

for Sunday shopping.

The largest regional centres can even hit smaller superstores as well as high streets. The biggest ones are the Metro-Centre (Gateshead), Meadowhall (Sheffield), Lakeside (Thurrock), Brent Cross (north London) and Merry Hill (Dud-ley, West Midlands).

But nearly half of all shoppers said they would shop in the high street if there were a better choice of shop. Free parking would entice 42 per cent and more big name shops would attract 34 per cent.

"Limited choice is the inherent weakness of small town centres and high streets and today's discerning shopper thrives on wide choice, something which retailers in the high street and smaller town centres are evidently not providing," said Paul Rickard, Mintel's head of research.

Mintel also dismisses government claims that it has saved the high street by halting expansion of out-of-town malls. It licitors, will become an inseems that the superstore men-tality is now so firmly ingrained creasingly important focal point of visits to high streets."

in us that government action is "too little, too late".

Planning controls were first relaxed in the early 1980s and rapid expansion by grocery and DIY retailers followed.

In July 1995, a consultation paper clarified the government's present thinking. It identified a "sequential approach" to planning, ensuring that preference was given to in-town rather than out-of-town developments.

The changes in planning guidelines have come far too late to save the multitude of small businesses and specialist fresh food retailers whose businesses have suffered terminally at the hands of the multiples which operate over 900 grocery superstores," said Mr Rickard. He believes that for the high street to recover extensions on existing stores must be frozen along with new developments.

In 1995, multiple chains required an extra 17m sq ft of new space of which 11m sq ft was for retail parks based out of town. In comparison, between 1990 and 1994 the number of bakers fell by 32 per cent, grocers by 22 per cent and butchers by 10 per cent.

But while the high street butcher and baker are on their way out, the candlestickmaker might just survive. Mintel believes the high street can survive into the next century but in a different form. It will become increasingly dominated by doctors, solicitors, estate agents, restaurants and spe-

Mr Rickard said: "We see the high street 2000 as being a lot smaller and containing fewer retail businesses than it does today. On the other hand. retail-based services, such as so-

Instead they chanced across Richard returning home with two friends from a game of football. While his two companions managed to escape, the less athletic Richard was surrounded. Moments later he died from a single stab wound in the back. It is not known who inflicted the

Miah was also convicted of vitenced to three years. He had denied all charges.

Badrul Miah, 20, had boasted that they had "stabbed up a Akbar, 19, from Euston, was white boy" shortly after the also convicted of violent disorknife attack on Richard Everitt, der arising from a separate at-15, in Somers Town, north Lou-don, Miah, of Euston, north a gang of Asians in Somers Town earlier that night. He was jailed for three years.

A third defendant - Abdul Hai, 20, from Euston - was cleared of Richard's murder on order of the judge halfway

through the trial and was freed. Richard was murdered because he was white and in the path of a gang of marauding Asians bent on vengeance, the prosecution had told the court. Their blood was up and there-

fore any white boy would do. However, the judge suggested the attack may not have been racially motivated. "Where there are two opposing groups of young people, tensions can grow," she said, citing the example of clashes between Mods and Rockers.

# Gang ringleader jailed for murder

An Asian man who lcd a "cowardly and brutal" attack on a olent disorder on the night of schoolboy was jailed for life for Richard's murder and senhis murder at the Old Bailey

London, was the ringleader of a 10-strong Asian gang who were out for revenge on another white boy last August.

fatal blow.

"The consequences are terrible - a totally innocent boy was cruelly killed for no apparent motive or reason. It was a wicked crime," said Mrs Justice Heather Steel. "Whoever inflicted that fatal wound has not been brought to justice."

### DAILY POEM

#### **Delabole Quarry**

By Jack Clemo

SAINDINA

Carvings on slate in churches Must be oddly out of key With the clang in a gaunt crater, That hacked ragged hole Where nothing flawed can be mended Or softened, like clay rock, by a water rinse.

I peered down at the quarry once in childhood And felt its bald veined ridges A cold inferno, breathing a foreign climate More remote from my building mind Than the weirdest neurotic sculpture.

No hasis for art was intended When a workman sliced his piece, Curious only to discover If it were sound for roofin Or whether the good pan looked big enough To support a decent field gate.

The roofs and posts protected me While I slept or wandered in Cornwall But my art works on warmer material, And I've never seen a portrait on dull slate.

Jack Clemo was born in 1916 near St Austell, Cornwall. The son of a clay-kiln worker, he received only a village school education, and lived in poverty in his twenties, looking after his widowed mother. In 1948, his first novel, Wilding Graft, wan an Atlantic Award in Literature from Birmingham University and a first volume of autobiography, Confession of a Rebel, which appeared a year later, confirmed him as a remarkable and original writer. His first collection of poetry. The Clay Verge. set amid the bleak clay wastelands of Cornwall, appeared in 1951. By 1955, he had become deaf and blind but his output of writing and poetry continued unabated. The Cured Amo, a collection from which this poem is taken, recently published by Bloodaxe, was completed just before his death in July 1994.



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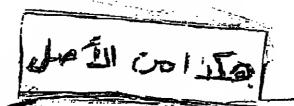
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Corporate ethic was 'to stretch law to its limits'

# Tycoon's son tells of personal shame over business crash

JOHN WILLCOCK Financial Correspondent

Kevin Maxwell told yesterday of his "persooal sense of shame" at the suffering of pensioners caught up in the collapse of his father's husiness empire.

Kevin, whn has been giving evideoce in his own defence for 12 days at the Old Bailey fraud trial, said: "I feel a persocal sense of shame at the failure and my share in that failure and the consequences of it."

He spoke of the company's creditors, bankers and workers, whn had all been adversely af-fected by the crash. "Also for the pensinoers whn for a time suffered. 1 don't know anyone involved in the management of the husiness who does not feel immense regret for the consequences of the collapse."

The court was tald that he had also suffered and had been made personally bankrupt for £400m. The order was automatically discharged in September because he co-operated

with his trustees in bankruptcy. The jury has beard that Robert Maxwell duminated everyone whn worked for him. Kevin said that his father's overbearing administration had hlighted his business education. "I regret that. The husiness was conducted in a culture where professional advisers, lawyers, advised my father how to stretch the law in its limits. A culture where professionals were servaots and nnt advisers and

He said this attitude damaged the business and ultimately contributed to its collapse. "1 regret the absence of board colleagues who would stand up to my father. I don't know anybody who stood up to him in the 10 years I was part of the business."

Questioned by his defence counsel, Alun Jones OC, Kevin denied he set out to defraud

The Maxwell Trial

alty is extremely important". He dated the group's prob-lems to October 1990, when the

seeds of the collapse were sown by his father's decision in use

Maxwell group assets to support the US side of the business,

MCC, which was having finan-

ial difficulties. Kevin helieved

MCC should sort out its own

have the stature or experience nr ability tn persuade him" to change his mind.

Questioned about whether he

had made any money out of the losses of the company or taken anything for himself, he said "no". He also denied destroying

documents or warning witness

es not to talk to investigators.

blems and "I regret 1 did not

was oot, to put it crudely, to sit down and defraud pensioners with my father or with nthers.

It was to save the group. "It was tn maintain the value nf the assets and to meet all nf the obligations. I suppose my greatest regret was that in the

The investor who affered to save the Maxwell group just days before its collapse in late 1991 with £400m nf new capital was Roger Tamraz, a Middle Eastern industrialist who represented a syndicate of pow-Kevin was told, the Sheikh of Abu Dhahi. The crash came when the banks withdrew their support eveo though Mr Tamraz was actively arranging a three-year support plan. Mr Junes asked if there had

been a time when he throught he could or should get out of it all and leave the group. Kevin said it was a very difficult question and he had thrught about it frequeotly in the years since 1991. 'Nn sane person would want to be at the Central Criminal Court oo trial for conspiracy to defraud pensinoers. I doo't know anybody who would want nf this court today."

He said there must have been a time when he could and should have "abandoned the ship". But he added: "If I am being hnoest, I dan't think I had

the ability to leave him."

He had been brought up to



ter Kings exhibition, which opens today at the British Museum and runs until 14 January Photograph Gerant Lews

### pensioners. "Our motivation believe that "the creed of loy-Charter flights ban smoking

**GLENDA COOPER** 

Package tour customers from today will be guaranteed cloud-less skies to Thrremolinos or the Canaries. From oow nn 90 per ceot of Britain's charter flights, which account for 10 millinn travellers every year, will have

a smnking ban-In the latest move to show the strength of consumer feeling against tobacco smokers, the Federatinn of Tour Operators (FTO) has persuaded major tour operators, such as Thomsons, Airtours and First Choice. to prohibit smoking an flights of up to six hours. This effectively stops anyone lighting up to any destination in Europe as well as places just outside, such as the Canaries, Egypt, Israel and Turkey.

The aircraft industry's decision to ban smoking follows the

example set by trains, buses. coaches and the underground. High profile cases such as that of Roy Castle, whose fatal lung cancer was said to have been caused by passive smoking, and Veronica Bland, who

won £15,000 compensatioo after claiming she had contracted her chronic bronchitis at work, have speeded the move towards onn-smnking in all

public areas. Alan Flook, secretary general of the FTO, said that the move had come to fruitinn after four years work and had been driveo by pressure from passengers. There are more anti-smokers than there are smnkers and it was clear more airlines were gradually banning it," he said. "We accepted that there were a int more penple who didn't like travelling with people who are smoking and you can't separate people as you can oo a

It is expected that after 12 munths there will be a review to see if smnking should be banned nn all charter flights, regardless of distance.

Charter flights are following the example of scheduled flights. A smnking ban was in-troduced by British Airways in 1990 nn a trial basis, and since theo Virgin and United Airlines have also joined in.

#### Places where you cannot smoke London Underground: restrictions on smoking came in as ear-

ly as 1971, but it was only after the King's Cross fire in 1987, where 31 died, that a total ban was imposed. Coaches: National Express made them smoke-free in 1992. Transatiantic flights: British Airways started trials of non-smoking transatiantic flights in 1990; Virgin and United Airlines barrined smoking completely on such flights earlier this year.

Trains: BR increased accommodation for non-smokers in 1974; banned smoking on commuter trains into London in 1990.

Buses: London buses were made smoke-free in 1991. Cinemas: Rank Leisure was the first major chain to provide smoke-free cinemas; 1987 Cannon-ABC bans smoking in 1987. Post Offices: Made smoke-free in 1979.

Hotels: In 1984, Ash (Action on Smoking and Health)produced a guide to 244 hotels and guest houses that are smoke-free. By 1991, there were 1,500 hotels restaurants and pubs. Restaurants: In 1993, a Mori survey said 51 per cent of people favour a complete ban on smoking in restaurants. Workplaces: Ash estimates that 80 per cent of large firms now

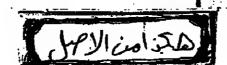
#### Places where you can smoke

Hospitals: St Mary's in Portsmouth and Queen Alexandra in Cosham, are reintroducing designated smoking areas. Birm-ingram Maternity Hospital will have four designated areas. Peterborough: Peterborough City Council has overturned a ban on smoking after losing £7,500 in lettings in seven months. Stafford: The council has also voted against a smoking ban McDonald's:Two shops at Sidcup and Eitham in south-east London have reintroduced smoking areas.

Taxis: Forest, which advocates freedom of choice in smoking says the majority of black taxi cabs are still "smoker-friendly

Pubs: Most pubs still allow smoking in all areas. Japan: No restrictions, it would be a brave sirline operator who dared ban smoking in a country where on domestic flights the non-smoking section can consist of rows 58, 59 and 60.





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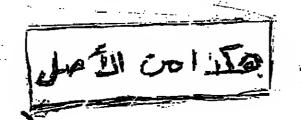
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A question of sport: Wembley remains firm favourite to beat Manchester as shortlist of competitors is whittled down to two

# National stadium contest goes into extra time

MIKE ROWBOTTOM

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The decision on where to build the proposed new national stadium was postponed yesterday. The Sports Council, which had been expected to name the winning bid, announced instead that it had narrowed down the choice to Wembley or Manchester, and that a further three-to-six months of deliberation would be needed.

Three other contenders -Birmingham, Sheffield and Bradford - were ruled out. But the steering group of leading sporting administrators which has been considering the five bids since 14 July needs further time to explore specific problems with the remaining two.

The Sports Council chairman, Rodney Walker, defended the postponement of the naming of the winner, which will be given up to £100m worth of lottery money.

"This is a decision for the next 60 years," be said. "It is a decision about how to spend tens of millions of lottery funding and we must be sure that public money is spent wisely.

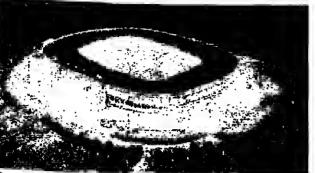
We bave deliberated long and hard, But now that Manchester and Wembley realise they are in a very serious bid situation it will be possible to start tough negotiations which we couldn't do before."

Wembley, regarded as the favourite given its history, existing infrastructure and location, still needs to convince the Sports Council on two major

The crucial area is the operation of the stadium. Wembley's present owner, Wembley ple, plans to hand over the stadium to a trust in exchange for a contract to run events.

Mr Walker said that the detail of how such a trust would work alongside a management company needed to be clarified.

The second problem relates to the stadium's surroundings at present its car parks are reached via a narrow road through an industrial estate. "A national stadium cannot exist in a concrete jungle." Mr Walker said. Assurances will be sought from Brent Council on plans to



Grand designs: How Wembley will look if it wins



improve access from the North Circular Road.

Manchester, which offers a cleared site with planning permission in the city centre, and funding of up to £47m, also has to satisfy the Sports Council over the operation of its stadium. There is, too, concern about transport, especially over its strong emphasis on the use

Howard Bernstein, deputy chief executive of Manchester City Council, said the bid would push for the expansion of the current metro link between the stadium site and the city centre. Mr Bernstein was due to

leave yesterday for Bermuda, where the Commonwealth Games Council is due on Friday to rubber-stamp Manchester's hosting of the 2002 Games.

Yesterday's announcement left Manchester in a no-lose position. If they do not win the national stadium, the Sports Council is committed to help fund the 2002 Games. However, Mr Bernstein said: "We are absolutely confident we can convince the Sports Council of

Wemhley believes that it is "the only logical choice". A spokesman said: "We would have preferred a clear-cut decision but we are confident our strengths will he recognised in the coming few months."

Both parties will seek meet-

ings with the rugby, football and athletics bodies represented on the steering group as to how exactly they would stage events.

The real talking starts now," said Graham Kelly, chief exec-utive of the Football Association and a member of the 10-man steering group. The FA has a contract with Wembley until 2002 to stage major matches such as England internationals and the FA Cup final, but Mr Kelly said a future deal with the winning stadium would have to

be more flexible. Bradford's proposal of a covered dome was rejected because its predominant use would be as an entertainment centre. Sheffield went outside the remit of one stadium by propos-ing separate sites for athletics and field sports, while Birmingham's bid was undermined by its siting on green-belt land.



Front runner: Although Wembley stadium is favourite to win the bid, its owners still have to win Sports Council officials over on two major issues

# Making a profit is the name of the game

walk down Wembley Way on any day other han a cup final, or when a pop concert is being staged, a lonely one. There are no hot-dog stands, and no vendors of scarves, hats; drinks or programmes. Quite simply, no

oney is changing hands. Making a profit from a stadium complex the size of Wembley is as difficult a management task as they come, particularly in the leisure industry which thrives on mass audiences. Putting bottoms on seats is the name of the game. The future can only be difficulty elose to going to the financial

cult for Wembley if it loses out to Manchester in the final chase

for millions of pounds of funds to build a new national stadium. For the first time in its 72-year history, the 68-acre bome of English football would have a serious business competitor. and the nostaleia of the 1948 Olympics and 1966 World Cup Final might not be enough to see it through another 72 years. Wembley has already been as

wall as is conceivably possible. Receivers would have been running the company today but for a recent refinancing, in-volving banks exchanging buckets of debt for mountains of share certificates.

By far the majority of Wemblev's financial problems stemmed from a crazy acquisition spending spree in the 1980s. If it moved, Wembley bought it - from film distribution companies, night-clubs, tent-hire firms, corporate hospitality services, through to greyhound tracks either side of the Atlantic and bingo balls.

cash or in share form, was rolled out at an alarming rate. The problem was that the recession arrived and the money from customers stopped rolling in. The Wembley company lost £65.7m last year, equivalent to £821.25 for each of the 80,000

seats in the stadium. Sir Brian Wolfson, who presided over the 1980s spending spree, has left the group, and been replaced as chairman by Claes Hultman, the Swedish head of the process control company, Eurotherm.

Much of the bard work, such

The acquisitive money, he it as the sale of unprofitable and unnecessary assets and the refinancing, was completed before Mr Hultman took the belm. His job now is to rejuvenate a stadium complex that is lost in a time warp, out of touch with the needs and demands of the Nineties and, more to the point, the 21st-century consumer.

Wembley needs to be razed and rebuilt. It is just not possible to make the changes necessary within the confines of the current building structure.

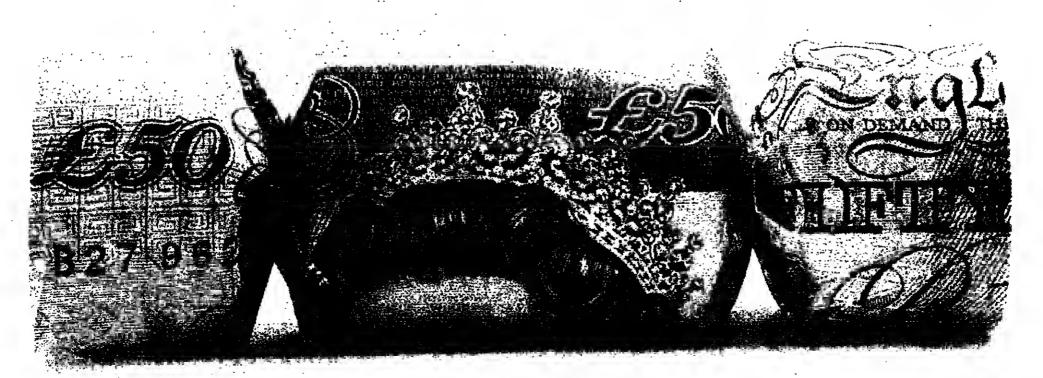
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Education debate: Poor school teaching leaves undergraduates struggling as three-year-old brings intellectual approach to tabloid

# University maths students 'lack fundamental skills'

Education Editor

Many university maths and science students lack basic mathematical skills because of bad leaching in schools, according to a report published yesterday.

A report by eminent mathematicians paints an alarming picture of declining maths standards over the past decade and challenges the official view that standards in public exams have

It says students on university maths courses cannot carry out basic arithmetical and algehraic calculations and their ability to solve problems is getting worse. They have little idea that maths requires precision.

Modern approaches to teaching maths and the national curnculum's failure to define what should be taught are to blame, says the report from the London Mathematical Society, the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications and the Royal

Statistical Society.

A member of the working party, Dr Tony Gardner, said:

"The existing curriculum was late to start." The report says the result of an educational philosophy that said if some chilshould be made easier for all. "The result is that children

teachers are not to hlame but that school inspectors have endren found a subject hard it couraged the decline in standards by suggesting that teachers should put less emdon't do algebra or ratios or phasis on basic skills and more proofs any more. And when on investigation and problemthey get to university it is a hit solving.

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The working group, chaired by Professor Geoffrey Howson, is convinced maths standards at GCSE have fallen. It says the mathematical knowledge needed to obtain top marks in GCSE does not match that needed to get a good grade in the old Olevel additional maths.

The same was true at A-level. A decade ago 10 per cent of candidates got grade A com-pared with 25 per cent last year. Equally worrying was the proliferation of different maths syllabuses at A-level.

The group says the slide in standards has been accelerated by the Government's efforts to introduce market forces to education. It says it has "com-pelling evidence" that schools are moving their exam entries to what seem to be less demanding boards. It says stan-dards are slipping as the boards compete to keep market shares. a charge denied by the boards. The mathematicians call for

a review of the maths curricu-

lum and a government standing committee to be set up to ex-Brain child: Chantelle Coleman, who has an IQ of 152

# Child star takes hot seat at 'Sun' IAN MacKINNON

It has always been said that the Sun newspaper can be grasped by those with a reading age of nine. Yesterday, a three-year-old girl took the editor's chair.

But not just any three-year-old. This was Chantelle Cole-man, shortly to be Mensa's youngest member, who with an IQ of 152 ranks higher than

At the Sun's headquarters in Wapping, east London, Chantelle's progress at Britain's largest-selling daily was being kept secret. But presumably the precocious girl from Barry, South Glemonton was able to South Glamorgan, was able to find time to read a few of the six books she reads daily between editing duties, as well as wowing the assembled reporters with a few of the choice Latin phrases she likes to recite.

At 10 months, Chantelle was walking confidently and at a year she could talk, putting together long sentences.

By 28 months her mother, Margaret-Rose, 29, had taught her the phonetic alphabet. She said: "I was brushing my teeth and Chantelle read out C-O-L-

G-A-T-E and said: Does that spell toothpaste mummy? I explained what it said and she looked at a bottle on the bath and read out the word shampoo. I was staggered."

Two months later, when Chantelle arrived home after her first day at nursery school she amazed her parents by reciting her classmates' names in alphabetical order.

It was then the couple began

to realise their daughter was ex-

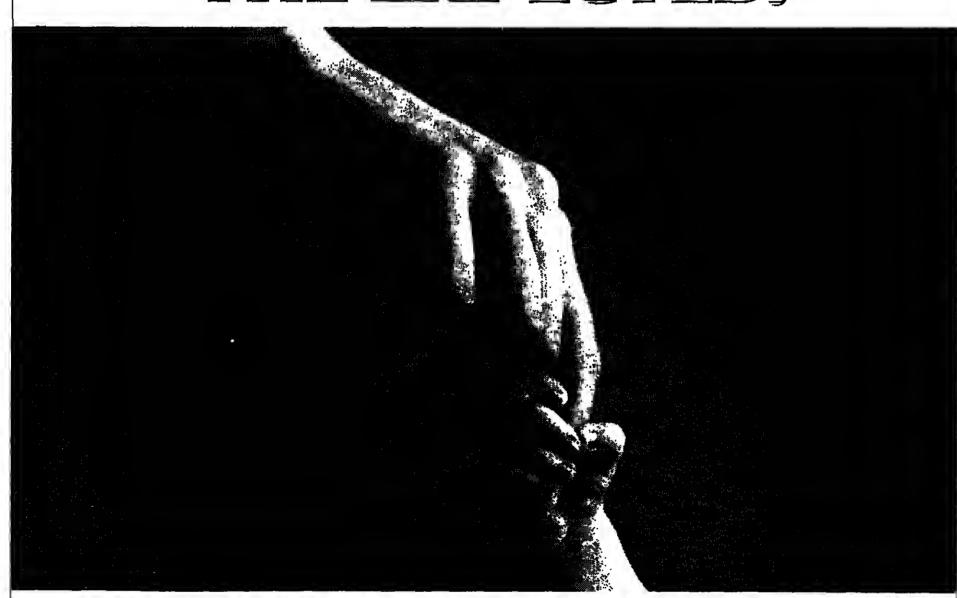
tremely bright.
"I bought her a hig Fisher Price clock to teach her the time, said her father Alan, 28, an RAF technician. "I sat down with her one morning and in an hour she'd grasped it. The toy cost me £15 and it was a waste of money, she never needed to use it again and we had to huy her a watch instead.

At three years and 10 months she can subtract fractions, count backwards from 1,000 and identify and say numbers running

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Her IQ will make her the youngest member of Mensa by six days, her nearest rival being Rhiannon Linington-Payne, who has an IQ of 155.

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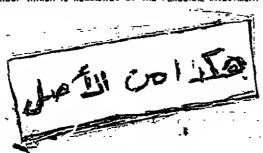
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# Two jailed over £1m NHS fraud

A dishonest doctor and a cor-rupt chemist were jailed yes-rupt chemist were jailed yes-rations, or 3.000 heart valve opterday in a landmark court case believed to involve bogus Na-tional Health Service prescripuons worth £1 m.

Timothy Whitefield, 49, a family doctor, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment and Bryan Samson, 53, to two years at Leeds crown court after the judge said they milked the health service out of greed.

Judge Norman Jones QC told them: "Both of you have let your professions down and disgracefully so. Both of you stand before me as ruined men. These actions were motivated entirely by greed ... you treated the NHS as a milch cow - you milked it, both of you, ruth-

The court heard that Samson and the GP were being dealt with for a £171,800 fraud, but it was also told that the chemist's company, Waycare, was being sued for £1m hy the Leeds Family Health Service the first sentencing for a doctor-chemist prescription fraud a crime believed to cost the country £30m a year.

Gerry Malone, the Minister for Health said yesterday that the total money lost nationally - 10 per cent of prescription revenue - could fund 7,000 hip re-

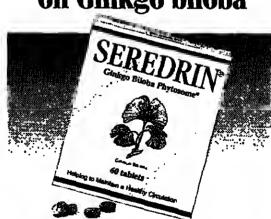
erations, Mr Malone said a government clampdown on such frauds had introduced new style prescription forms "and it is our intention to stop

Whitefield, from Roundhay, Leeds, was found guilty at an earlier hearing of conspiracy to defrand the city's Pamily Health Service Authority between October 1989 and May 1990. Samson, who lives in Moor Monkton, near York. had admitted the offence.

The jury heard that while practising at Armley Health Centre in Church Road, Leeds, Whitefield wrote out hundreds of fake prescriptions for Sam-son, who never dispensed the drugs. But the Leeds chemist. whose pharmacy was just yards from the doctor's surgery, claimed back eash for the medicine from the FHSA. After paying one-third in tax he split the halance with Whitefield.
The case against White

and Samson took almost five years to come to court. Suspicion of fraud by Samson was aroused by the massive number of forms he was processing nearly three times the national average. The court beard that Samson and Whitefield spent the money on high living.

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# Fish diet 'cuts risk of heart attacks'

LIZ HUNT

Just one serving a week of fat-ty fish such as fresh salmon, tuna or cod, can reduce the risk of cardiac arrest by up to 70 per cent, according to American research.

Scientists from the University of Washington in Seattle have assessed the protective benefits to the heart of a type of fatty acid, which is found primarily in seafood, by analysing the di-ets of 827 people aged 24 to 74.

They found that an intake of 5.5 grams per month of the n-3 fatty acids, as they are known, was associated with a 50 per cent reduction in the risk of cardiac arrest - changes in the rhythm of the heart beat which

can result in a heart attack. An 84g (3oz) serving of cooked fresh salmon contains 1.49g of the fatty acid, and four servings a month would be enough to reap the benefits for the heart, according to a report in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. One serving of cod contains 0.23g of n-3 fatty acids, and one serving of

albacore tuna contains 0.74g. Dr David Siscovick and his team in Seattle also analysed the level of the n-3 fatty acids in the blood, where they are found in blood cell membranes. They are believed to reduce the clumping of blood cells, and the risk of beart spasms. The rcsearchers found that small increases in the percentage of the fatty acids substantially low-

ered the risk of a beart attack. The report says "... a red blood cell n-3 polyunsaturated fatty acid level of 4.3 per cent of total fatty acids was associated with a 50 per cent reduction in the risk of primary cardiac arrest", while a level of 5 per cent was associated with a 70 per cent reduction.

A diet rich in seafood is associated with good health. In Europe. Spanish adults cat the most fish - between 60-90g a day - and deaths from heart disease for men are three times fewer than in England where men eat under 40g of fish a day.

Watchdog
condemns rail sell-off 'pantomime'

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport Correspondent

It was supposed to be a quiet departure into oblivion but the old soldier did not play the game. Instead, Major General Lennox Napier, who yesterday left his joh as chairman of the rail watch-dog, the Central Rail Users' Consultative Council, caused a political furnre with his fiercest attack yet on rail pri-vatisation, provoking Sir George Young, the Secretary of State for Transport, into an an-

gry response. His criticisms came as the country's leading train manufacturer announced further cuts because of the dearth of orders from British Rail and as figures revealed that trains on main lines were running slower than before the privatisation process

Maj-Gen Napier likened the rail sell-off to a pantomine. He said: "So I end rather looking at a pantomime. Pantomimes should have a happy ending. At the moment there isn't a Prince Charming called finance or investment yet in the script."

He cited the Commons transport committee which said that the railways would cost an extra £700m in subsidy a year. While he was not opposed to rail privatisation, he said: "This Government was always going to introduce rail privatisation but if they could go back in time I think they would go about it in a different way. Privatisation could work, but it's just a matter of whether it will work better for passengers. There is a great deal of uncertainty around. There is no clear indication that we are going to have a high level of sustained in-

vestment in the railways," Maj-Gen Napier said there

the railways to ensure that even present levels of services and

standards were maintained. Sir George said: "Far from undermining the railways, rail privatisation offers the opportunity for stronger investment and a better service for pas-sengers which the Major Gen-eral himself has been campaigning for over the last 10

A rait industry source suggested that the general's recent outspokenness was causing problems in finding a successor: They thought Lennox would be a poodle but he has stirred it up. It's difficult to see how they can

find anyone to replace him." In further bad news for privarisation, ABB Transportation announced 123 job losses because of lack of orders and the need to cut costs.

A spokeswoman said every effort would be made to seek volunteers but the company could not rule out compulsory redundancies.

An analysis by Barry Doe, a rail industry consultant, for the BBC's Here and Now, found that BR's InterCity services are getting slower. Four in five In-terCity journeys take longer than they did in 1989, according to Mr Doe who believes it is the first time in the history of the railways that trains bave gone slower than in the past.

But he denied that journey times were being padded out to avoid compensation being paid out under the Passenger's Charter: the longer journeys were simply to improve reliability of arrival times.

A former train crew manager. David Smith, told the programme: "The motive is to enable the train operating companies to massage their statis-tics to show their performance was insufficient investment in in a better light,"





Breast cancer: Coalition launched to lobby for increase in research spending

Lobby group: Women at the launch of the UK Breast Cancer Coalition at the House of Commons yesterday

Photograph: John Lawrence

# Women unite in anger to fight killer disease

Health Editor

Hundreds of women in 11 cities joined forces yesterday to launch the UK Breast Cancer Coalition which aims to establish a national strategy to con-quer the disease which kills

300 women every week. The coalition is demanding increased government spending on breast cancer research. claiming that just £3m will be spent this year compared with £22ba oa defence.

Nancy Roberts, chairwoman of the coalition and radio personality, said: "The mood in the UK is changing. Women are angry. Angry that we cannot trust the health system to provide us with quality care, angry that so little is being done to discover the causes of breast cancer, and

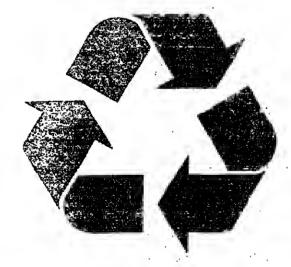
angry at the lack of psychosocial support and aftercare for those of us stricken with this baffling and terrifying disease." Ms Roberts, a hreast cancer sufferer, said the coalition would unite women across Britain, ending the isolation many feel. The group is modelled on the American National Breast Cancer Coalition which it says has increased US government spending on research from \$90m (£60m) annually to \$600m (£400m).

The launch follows several reports calling for a radical overhaul of breast cancer services here, the most influential of which was produced by the Commons Health Select Committee in July. The committee said the UK's poor survival

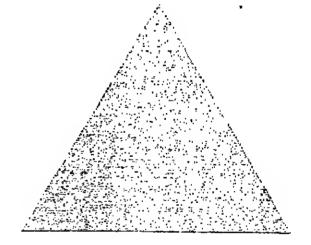
rates for the disease - among the worst in the world - are due in part to inadequate treatment. It estimated that 4,000 unnecessary deaths could he prevented each year if women were treated in specialist units by multi-disciplinary teams of breast experts, from radiologists to nurses.

The coalition's aims are access for all women to state-ofthe-art treatment; a higher priority to be given to causes. prevention and quality of life issues; and more say for women and Portsmouth.

in decisions about the disease. The initiative has won support from medical and research organisations, cancer charities, women's and environmental groups, MPs from every party and a number of celebrities who were present at the London launch at the House of Commons yesterday, the last day of Breast Cancer Awareness month. Simultaneous launches took place in Glasgow, Belfast, Cardiff, Liverpool, Bristol, Nor-wich, Newcastle, Carlisle, Leeds



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# Cabinet to rule on education budget

**COLIN BROWN** and JOHN RENTOUL

The Prime Minister is expected to be asked to intervene hy Gillian Shephard at the meeting of the Cabinet tomorrow to resolve the dispute with the Treasury over ber bid for more spending for education.

The Secretary of State for Education is expected to seek John Major's backing at the Cahinet to break the deadlock with the Treasury over her demands for higher spending.

The Prime Minister gave education the highest priority in his Conservative Party conference speech. The Treasury bas been resisting her demands for a higher hudget to compensate authorities for cuts last year. which led to teachers being threatened with redundancy.

The Cabinet EDX committee on public expenditure. chaired by the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, has been holding daily meetings to resolve the dispute over the education budget and the hid for higher spending on the health budget by Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary

financed by £3bn cuts in spending and Bhn from the contingecy reserve. The meeting of the Cabinet is seen as crucial for the Tory demands for cuts in taxes and there could be a meeting of the EDX next Mon-

day to settle the spending row. "There is going to be a shoot-out at the Cabinet. They realise they are in the last chance saloon," one senior Tory backbencher said. The cuts will include slashing capital spending, including the road programme and hospitals. Private finance will be expanded to fill the gap. Peter Lilley, the Secretary of State for Social Security, is fighting William Waldegrave, the Chief Secretary

to the Treasury, over demands for deeper cuts, but social security savings are likely to include ending the lone parent's allowance for new claimants, which could require legislation. Meanwhile Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, launch-

es the first stage of Labour's three-part pre-Budget strike this morning, demanding a national effort to increase investment to halt Britain's slide Senior Tory MPs believe the down the "world prosperity league". In a full-page press ad-

£6bn in tax cuts in the Budget, vertisement the party claims the UK has "slumped" from 13th to 18th in the league table of national income per head since 1979. "The Tories will settle for 18th best. New Labour will

not," it declares. Mr Brown will set out the party's plans for tax incentives for investment at a breakfast for 50 business leaders at the Park Lane Hilton hotel today. "We need to equip Britain for the future by securing investment in industry, infrastructure and people, he is expected to say.

He intends to sidestep the question of Labour's attitude to Tory tax cuts: "The real issue for this Budget is not a penny or two off income tax, but how government can best sustain the recovery by encouraging the higher levels of investment our economy needs.

Mr Brown will firm up a proposal for a new, lower rate of Capital Gains Tax for long-term investment and to float the idea of enhanced capital allowances for investment in excess of the previous year's.

He is expected to follow up next week with "new" plans to tackle youth and long-term un-



# Major takes high ground against Bosnia assault

John Major yesterday angrily brushed aside a claim that the British government ac-quiesced in a UN ahandonment of the Muslim enclave of Srebrenica, leaving 8,000 people to die at the hands of Bosnian

Serbs. Earlier this week the *Inde*pendent revealed that Britain stayed silent at a closed meeting in New York when Licutenant-General Bernard Janvier, the commander of all UN forces in former Yugoslavia, told diplomais to quit the safe areas.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, provoked the Prime Minister's ire at Question Time by asking if the charge was correct. He asked dates: "On 11 July Srebrenica fell and 8,000 young men were taken away and massacred. On

secretary [Malcolm Rifkind] for an assurance that the policy of the defence of Srehrenica had not changed and he gave

me that assurance. ft is now revealed, or

Inside

Parliament

Stephen Goodwin

the full acquiescence of the Mr Major to consider three British government, the UN decided to ahandon Srebrenica to its fate. Is that correct?" A regular visitor to Bosnia, 31 May I asked the then defence Mr Ashdown called for more ro-

■ Ashdown raises Srebrenica claims ■ Labour upset over Question Time ■ Lords change overturned hust action from the start of the crisis. His Question Time warnings of "too little, too late" have always touched a raw spot with Mr Major, but his suggestion that the Government turned its hack on the enclave got a par-

ticularly hitter response.
"I think the Right Honourable Gentleman just occa-sionally might do the British forces and the British government the credit of acknowledging what they have done. What be is saying is not correct. He has been wrong throughout the whole of the exercise. Time after time, be has denigrated what the British government have done and what British forces have done," the Prime Minister said. He was plain wrong in alleging Mr Asbdown has criticised the forces, but quite deliberately made the

government-forces link. There choice to parents and opportu-are thousands of people alive to-nity to children was a lurch to day in Bosnia hecause of what was done by the British gov-

ernment and British force Mr Ashdown later wrote to the Prime Minister, pressing him again on the Independent's report. If it was correct, he asked. how did Mr Major explain his government's actions in this "terrible matter"?

r Major had come to the House determined V to stamp on Labour's charge that the Conservative Party has lurched to the right. Tony Blair gave him enough of an opening with a call to "stop pandering to the right wing" and keep the railways as a public ser-

The Prime Minister said if Mr Blair thought hringing more

Labour's agonies over grantmaintained schools, all-women shortlists and, inevitably, cannabis, Graham Allen, MP the right, the country would not agree. Nor was spending more on patients' health, dealing for Nottingham North, asked

with asylum abuses or standing up for Britain in Europe. The Labour leader knows that the centre-right of politics is our ground and there is no way a squatter like him will be able to rest on it. He may regard himself as the Trojan Horse of socialism, but he will find it's our land on which he is parking and

there is no room for him." Speaker Betty Boothroyd issued a sharp reminder to Tory hackbenchers that the 15 minutes of Questions to Prime Minister is for exactly that - ie not about greasy invites to knock the Opposition. After Mr Major had been asked by loy-alists to twist the knife in

Miss Boothroyd to rule on the "abuse" of Question Time. He quoted Erskine May, the Commons rule book, and said: "The Prime Minister is in-

creasingly dodging legitimate questions of this House and playing duhious devices from the Whips Office to ensure that questions are addressed to the Leader of the Opposition which only the Prime Minister Miss Boothroyd pointed out

Tory MP - Ann Winterton attacking all-women shortlists for Labour parliamentary candi-

Cabinet ministers, all min-

House for the workings of the Government and of their department - not for the attitude of the Opposition or any of the minority parties," she said, no doubt more in hope than expectation of any change in MPs'

The Government acted last night to reverse a defeat inflicted by peers on its package to curb discrimination against disabled people. The Lords voted in June to widen a definition in the Disability Discrimination Bill to cover people like asthma sufferers and those with mild cerebral palsy. The legislation makes it unlawful to that she had just cautioned one discriminate against the disabled in employment and in the provision of goods, facilities and services, but falls well short of the demands of campaigners

Lords tightens rules on banqueting

The House of Lords has tightened up its rules over banqueting for companies in the Lords, following claims that some peers charged £1,000 to book rooms for big business, writes Colin Brown.

A Francial A Dispatches pro gramme to be broadcast tonight as peers debate moves to tighten up disclosure rules alleges a lobbyist was asked by a peer to pay for booking the Cholmondly Room for a reception for clients. Peers are routinely paid retainers of £5,000 or more by lobby companies.

Lord Peston, a Labour peer and chairman of the refresbment sub-committee of the Lords, said new rules had been put into effect within recent weeks. The rules will not prevent peers with a financial interest from booking banqueting rooms, but would bar any peer who admits they are paid for booking the room. The allega-tions will heighten concern that the Lords has escaped proper scrutiny while the Nolan Committee has put the spotlight on the Commons.

Peers today will debate pro-posals by a committee of peers under Lord Griffiths to put their own house in order before the Nolan Committee turns its attention to the Lords. The Griffiths report recommended that peers for the first time should have a register of their

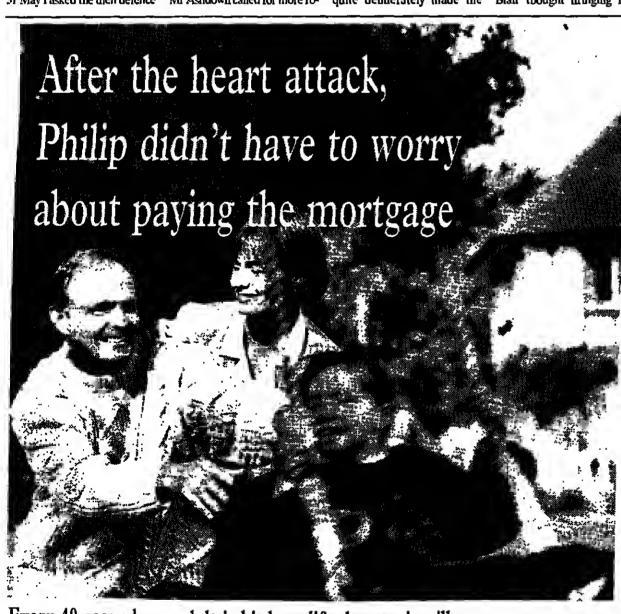
interest in lobby companies.

But Lord Richard, an Opposition spokesman, will call for the register to require peers, like MPs, to declare their directorships, land holdings; and paid Parliamentary work.

Some Tory peers are op-posed to the register and may seek to table amendments, when the issue is debated again. Dispatches will tonight allege that some senior Tory peers have failed to declare their interests in debates on the environment, waste management

#### Today's business

Commons: (10am) Backbench debates Private security industry; Manufacturing Private security industry; Manufacturing industry; Proposed Imotorway service area at iver; Firework safety; Betting tax and horse racing. (2,30pm) Trade and industry questions; Gas Bill, Lords amendments; Motion to carry over the Channel Tumol Rail Link Bill to next session, Lords: Debate on Procedure Committee and Declaration and Registration of Interests at a committee procedure. Medical terests sub-committee reports; Medica (Professional Performance) Bill, Third



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Quebec says 'no': Chrétien puts brave face on narrow referendum result but nothing is settled and clashes continue

# Separatist surge leaves Canada Wounded

**HUGH WINSOR** 

:Canada has survived as a unified country by a margin so slim it would fit into a football stadium. But the close vote revealed a surge in separatist support in Quebec that poses a serious problem for the Prime Minister, Jean Chretien and his Liberal Government in Onawa.

When the final votes were tallied late on Monday evening there were just 50,000 votes between the "no" side at 50.6 per cent of the almost 5 million votes cast, compared with 49.4 per cent for the separatists. But the demographics of the electorate, in which the Englishspeaking population, immigrants and native people vote massively for remaining in Canada, mean that a clear majority of francophones, voted for separatism,

Evidence that the linguistic and cultural tensions are going to increase because of the nationalists' frustration surfaced within hours. Even if at least a quarter of the people who voted for the separatists did not want independence, the outcome means there is a strong desire for a change in Quebec's relationship to the rest of the Canadian federation.

Many of those francophone voters responded to an appeal by Lucien Bouchard, the leader of the Bloc Quebecois, a separatist party in the federal parliament, to give him a strong hargaining card to play against English Canada. The vote amounts to a repu-

diation of the approach takeo by the Prime Minister, who had argued the structure had protected French language and culture and had allowed Qucbeckers to flourish.

peared the separatists could last election.

win, was Mr Chrétien forced to change his position, promising at a major rally in Montreal that all avenues of change would be open to Quebeckers if they voted to stay within Canada, including constitutional changes to recognise Quebec as a distinct society and possibly giving it a special legal status that would not be shared with the

other nine provinces. Now Mr Chretien has to deliver some form of change quickly because the separatists have said they will try to have another referendum to capi-

talise on their momentum. We will not wait another 15 years," the Quebec Premier. Jacques Parizeau, told disappointed supporters, a reference to the last referendum in 1980. "We lost by a tiny margin, What to do? Well you roll up your sleeves and begin over again."

People in Quebec and in the rest of Canada on both sides of the issue had hoped the result would be more decisive, so that they could get on with other. mainly economic challenges. But Quebec now seems destined to move to the top of the federal government's agenda.

Mr Chretien and his senior cabinet colleagues are despondent because they know the potential pitfalls of attempting to rewrite the constitution. Two attempts to ratify constitutional amendments over the past five years have failed because of opposition from some of the other provincial governments in the anglophone part of the country with the result that separatist support has increased.

These previous failures played a part in tarnishing the reputation of former prime minister Brian Mulroney and the devastation of the federal Conservative Party that was re-Only in the last week of the duced to two seats in the 295 referendum campaign as it up- seat House of Commons in the



Yes and no: A 'yes' supporter clashing with the Montreal riot police after the Quebec vote went narrowly to the 'noes' Photograph: Moe Doiron/AP

# Province more divided than ever before

**DAVID USBORNE** 

Quebec emerged yesterday from the referendum still joined to the rest of Canada but more divided within itself than ever before, and badly scarred by pitched fighting on the streets of Montreal.

With the final tally giving the tiniest of margins to the "non" camp, separatist leaders vowed to continue the fight, implying that Canada's constitutional nightmare is far from over. There were doubts, also, about the future of the province's firebrand Premier. Jacques Parizeau, who shocked some of his own followers by blaming big for blocking his hid to take the Quebec opposition. Quebec out of the federation.

The relaying of the final result on the jumbo projection screen in the Palais des Congres was too much for some "out" supporters, who crumpled in tears. It had seemed that the returns were driving towards a sovereigntist victory and turned in favour of the federalists only after results started coming in from the Island of Montreal itself, which voted very heavily

against separation. Some ignored the appeals for calm, responding instead to the rhetoric of Mr Parizeau. Supporters of both camps clashed until the early hours. Some Montreal shops were looted and police reported an arson attack against the offices of Speaking to thousands of

tearful supporters of the "out" campaign in Montreal's Palais des Coogress, Mr Parizeau characterised the result in inflammatory terms of "us and them" - French-speakers and the rest. His remarks appeared to destroy in a stroke the progress made in recent years to transform the Quebec secessionist movement, that was founded thirty years ago by Reoé Lévesque, from a narrow nationalist movement into a

broad-based political force. We'll stop talking about the francophooes of Quebec. We'll talk about us," Mr Parizeau declared. And in words that were still reverberating across the province and all of Canada beaten, it's true. But by what? Money and the ethnic vote.

ened in defeat by the fact that, for the first time, a majority of french-speakers voted in favour nf separation. In the 1980 Quebec referendum, the "no" side won by 60 per cent.

Both Mr Parizeau and Lucien Bouchard, the leader of the opposition in the federal parliament in Ottawa and head of the Bloc Québécois party, promised to continue the fight for independence. Saying it was time to "roll up the sleeves" to start again, Mr Parizeau said: "We were so close to a country. It's delayed a little - not a long time, not a long time. We won't wait 15 years next time."

But Mr Bouchard, who has the inspirational leader of the secession forces, avoided all appeal for calm and acceptance of the democratic process. But he admitted to a packed hall: "To see it escape our grasp is hard to bear."

Speculation grew yesterday that Mr Parizeau may be forced soon to step down as head of the ruling Parti Québécois in Quebec, to make way for the more moderate Mr Bouchard. This could help the flame of separation to hurn on in the province, although it would probably sound a death knell for the Bloc Québécois in Ottawa.

For all the promises of a new push for sovereignty, current laws bar the Quebec government from calling another mandate, which has another four years to run.

# Premier blames 'ethnic

Montreal - In a chorus of outrage that echoed across Quebec, members of ethnic minorities denounced remarks by the provincial Premier, Jacques Parizeau, in which he blamed immigrants and big business for scuppering the latest hid for independence, writes David Usborne.

Community leaders demanded his resignation and warned that his comments to a crowd of disappointed sovereignty supporters late on Monday night could lead to communal violence.

Taking the podium to acknowledge the razor-thin victory of the federalist opponents of separation, Mr Parizeau declared: "We are beaten, it is true. But by what? By money and the

Just over four-fifths of Quebec's population is primarily French-speaking. Among the remainder are Anglo-Canadians as well as native Indians and a wide variety of immigrant com-munities, notably including Portuguese, Chinese and Haitians. The Indians and the immigrant groups all voted overwhelmingly against independence.

Jaasmire Polifort, a Haitian community leader, called Mr Parizeau's comment "very dangerous". She said: "You have to remember that there are some people out there who don't like ethnic minorities."

Rabbi Reuben Poupko, pres-ident of the Rabbinical Council of Montreal, said the speech was "replete with racism and crass demogoguery. His speech reveals that he does not understand that he is Premier of all Quebeckers."

Throughout, Mr Parizeau characterised Quebeckers ir terms of "us and them", the French-speakers and the non-French-speakers, and even referred repeatedly to the need for revenge.
"This is very offensive," saic

Armando Barqueiro, editor o A Voz. a Portuguese-language weekly in Montreal read by a community of 30,000 Portuguese. "We are people too. I laves and just as much as any 18-year-old man who's never paid a cent.

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# Major faces grilling at Commonwealth summit

Sydney — John Major's defence of France's nuclear tests in the Pacific is likely to provoke an onslaught against Britain at land. New Zealand next week. With the Queen in attendance as head of the Commonwealth, Britain looks like being isolat-

ed and embarrassed. Australia and New Zealand will lead moves to condemn Britain's earlier refusal to oppose the French tests, saying they were "a matter for the French government", irritated disinclination to indicate any wealth friends over an issue which has prompted protests throughout the Pacific.

But Mr Major's public defence of the tests when be met President Jacques Chirac on Photograph: AP Monday, three days after

Robert Milliken on the fallout from the PM's defence of French nuclear tests

Government meeting in Auck-nuclear device in eight weeks, provoked criticism of Britain across political lines in Australia

One of the Labor government's most senior ministers, Bob McMullan, trade and acting foreign minister, said: "If Mr France and China for their Major is of this view, perhaps continued nuclear tests. he should contact Mr Chirac and organise for the next tests to be conducted under the English Channel ... But we shouldn't let this detract from Cauberra and Wellington, the main game. Australia's pri-which felt let down by London's mary aim is to mobilise international opinion against the sympathy for its old Common- French tests. Australia has the overwhelming majority of sup-port on this from other Com-

onwealth countries." John Howard, leader of the opposition conservative Liberal-National coalition, said: "Mr Major has weakened the inter-

the Commonwealth Heads of France had exploded its third national effort to persuade France to stop the lests in the face of growing world anger at the French, even from within Britain. Mr Major fails to understand the hostility in Australia and among Pacific nations to the French tests. In New Zealand, he will discover the extent of anger within the Commonwealth."

Alexander Downer, opposi-tion spokesman on foreign affairs, said: "His comments show an insensitivity to the Australian people. He has shown no understanding of the growing desire of the world to be rid of nuclear weapons ... Blood ties for Australia and New Zealand have counted for little. It's a case of water is thicker than

iatory course after meeting Mr Major and Mr Chirac at the United Nations 50th-anniversary session last week. But Mr Major's defence of Mr Chirac has dashed any hopes Mr Bolger had of averting a row.

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Panic as he for Jaffna ra

Officials in Canberra and Wellington expressed dismay yesterday that Mr Major could have gone so far on the eve of a summit to be held in a country which has been a prime mover against the French tests. The British stand is likely further to weaken relations with the old Commonwealth countries now it has apparently demonstrated again that it places membership of the EU and the nuclear club ahead of

Commonwealth concerns. Mr Major's decision will also put the Queen in an awk-ward position in Auckland, particularly as she may face Jim Bolger, New Zealand's protests from New Zealanders Prime Minister and host of the angered by the Anglo-French

# Officials scorn British talk of nuclear liaison

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY Defence Correspondent

There may beless than meets to the eye to Franco-British nu-

clear co-operation.
Officials in the Foreign Office and the Ministry of Defence yesterday said they were unaware of any proposals to subment by John Major and President Jacques Chirac of France, which promised greater liaison between France and Britain. In practice, official sources said, both countries were committed to maintaining independent nuclear deterrent forces.

The leaders said there was 'considerable convergence between the two countries on nuclear doctrine and policy". Given that Britain and France are the only European nuclear powers with nuclear forces of similar size, and that a nuclear. hiological or chemical attack on one would send fall-out drifting over the other, that is hardly surprising. But officials yesterday said the idea of one country re-

ests of either France or the UK the need to test them. could be threatened without the vital interests of the other also being threatened", the joint statement continued. Asked if that meant France would retaliate if a missile landed in England, or that Britain might retaliate if one landed in France, one source said: "Absolntely not. And the French would answer 'Non' as well."

The Foreign Office also denied Britain and France had agreed that a "low-yield" (small explosion) nuclear strike might be used as a "warning shot" when the vital interests of either were threatened.

There has been some discussion of Britain and France al-

marine patrols, but to do so would undermine the philosophy of an independent deterrent. Neither Britain nor France has said it will develop a successor to their warheads -France's Pacific tests include trials of a new warhead for a submarine-launched missile.

Since Britain abandoned its requirement for a stand-off nuclear missile for the RAF, the prospect of co-operation with France in that area has also disappeared.

The only area where both countries are independently setting up new systems, and where there is scope for co-operation, is in perfecting com-puter predictions of nuclear explosions, which obviate the need for any future tests.

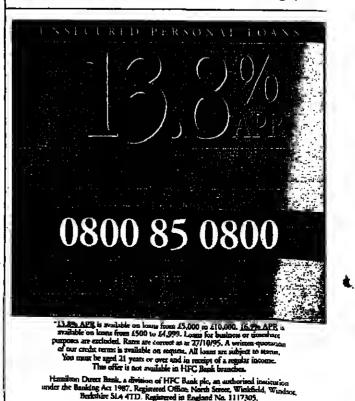
Some independent experts concluded the statement might be a coded message that Britain would gain long-term benefit from the French nuclear tests in the Pacific, Britain has not denied assisting France with its computer-simulation techlying on the other to deter an niques, and is expected to gain attack was out of the question. something in return, possibly "We do not see situations arising in which the vital inter-

Until recently, both Britain and France said they could not sign up to a full Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), due to come into force next year. Then the French agreed to do so, provided they could carry out the current round of tests before the ban came into force.

Patricia Chilton, of Manchester Metropolitan University, who specialises in Franco-British security co-operation, said: "It would have been impossible for the British and French governments to agree to ... CTBT without both of them acquiring the necessary extra information for computer simulation in the meantime



Allies: The British and French chiefs of all staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon and General Jean Rannou, at RAF High Wycombe for the inauguration of the Franco-British Air Group



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# Paris gets tough on explosive 'banlieues'

MARY DEJEVSKY

Car-burning, looting and stonethrowing erupted again yester- and do nothing that might be day on one of the tough estates in the soulless concrete wasteland south of Paris. Thirteen people were detained and one policeman was injured.

Grigny, were the latest in a rash of incidents on housing estates (known simply as banlieues) across France. Last weekend alone there were violent confrontations near Strasbourg and Mulhouse in Alsace, near Toulouse in the south-west, near Grenoble in the south-east

and near Dijon in Burgundy. Estates to the north and east of Paris were also affected, and a policeman was in intensive care after being shot in the head in Mantes-la-Julie, a town to the west of Paris with a history of

With disturbances being re-ported nightly, "what to do about the banlieues" has become an important concern. But the authorities have been sending distinctly mixed signals.

Last week President Jacques Chirac talked about the need to 'extend a belping hand", provide more jobs and services

construed as a "provocation". His remarks contrasted with his call in the election campaign for the elimination of "no-go areas" and were hailed as evi-The disturbances, near dence that he had learned that tha seething banlieues could not be subdued by force.

mounced new, tougher policing for the estates.

Special units were being trained and equipped with fast cars to deal with car theft and joy-riding and with bullet-proof vests and rubber bullets.

In another sign that the banlieues were in for a bard time, the judiciary announced an investigation into an "Afghan terrorist connection", citing On Monday, however, the evidence that "dozens" of Interior Ministry's director of young people from certain es-

### Jobless blow for Chirac

Paris - President Jacques Chirac's election pledge to cut unemployment suffered a setback yesterday with the publication of figures showing that the johless total rose in Sep-tember for the second month

running, writes Mary Dejevsky. The increase, of 28,000, or 1 per cent, compared with August, brought the total number of people seeking work to 2,952,100, or 11.5 per cent of the

The franc, which had risen af-ter Mr Chirae's pledge last Thursday to cut the budget deficit, fell back after the figures were announced.

The government had hoped the 0.9 per cent rise in August was an anomaly. A worrying fea-ture was the 5.1 per cent rise in the number of men under 25 looking for jobs: government measures bave concentrated precisely on this group, and on the long-term unemployed.

public security, Daniel Dugléry, tates had received terrorist training in Afghanistar

The authorities insist the outbreaks derive from the same factors as earlier violence: the preponderance of young people on the estates, high unemployment and racial tension caused by high concentrations of North African immigrants.

Many recent incidents; however, have specific causes, which testify to policing which is seen as too heavy-handed.

The disturbances at Grigny are said to have begun when youths tried to attack a flat occupied by someone they believed was responsible for the death of a youth from the Maghreb. The presumed culprit was in custody, but they did not know that. There have been sev eral instances of groups of youths applying their own rough justice where they think the po-lice have failed.

The incident at Mantes-la-Jolie appears to bave been the result of police intervening to stop a hashish deal. Other incidents have begun as gang-fights or joy-riding which the police tried to halt.



Fired up: Trade unionists at Gironde, near Bordeaux, burning tyres in front of the town half

There is a further explanation which is rarely mentioned by officials: the mild autumn, which has allowed street life to continue longer than usual, and the heightened police activity dictated by the anti-terrorist alert

From the first terrorist bomb on 25 July, when the chief suspects were identified as being of "North African appearance". it was almost exclusively young men of that description who were stopped and searched. After the identification of

Khaled Kelkal as the prime suspect in September, the estates themselves, at least those with big North African populations, were subject to early-morning raids and night-time patrols. With "Vigipirate" now in effect for two months, and

resentment has built up. North African men complain they are stopped whenever they go out. Many were born in France and carry French papers. In this

# Panic as battle for Jaffna rages

TIM MCGIRK New Delhi

Nearly 100,000 Tamils were of a "calamitous" humanitaritrapped on the northern shore of the Jaffna lagoon yesterday, trying to clamber aboard rowing boats, launches and any floating object to escape a Sri Lankan army attack on the rebel citadel-city of Jaffina.

A government military as a separate state, with their spokesman said that three di- own traffic police, schools, tax visions, totalling 21,000 men, supported by tanks, artillery and aircraft, had closed to within five miles of Jaffna, the nation's second-largest city.

Tamil Tiger guerrillas for more than a decade. Relief workers sald that many young Tamil re-cruits bad joined the exodus

across the lagoon.

Some officers predicted that
Jaffna would fall to the Sri Lankan forces within days, but a Tamil Tiger spokesman in Paris claimed that the rebels were mounting a counter-offensive. "Our forces are putting up stiff, ferocious resistance." In the bloodiest battle so far an prime minister.

sive, troops on Monday cap-tured Necrveli, a key rebel base five miles from Jaffna. Casualties were high: more than 90 soldiers and 204 Tamil guerrillas

ing and wounded towards Jaffna, the army said. Aid workers in Jaffna spoke

an tragedy, with as many as 300,000 Tamil civilians trapped with nowhere safe to run.

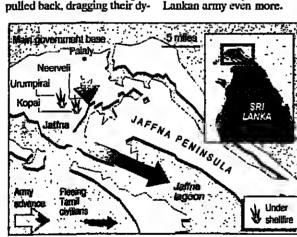
The capture of Jaffna would be a severe blow to the Tigers but not a fatal one. The Tamils have run the Jaffna peninsula collectors, postmen and judges. If Jaffna falls, the Tigers are expected to melt away into the

It has been under the quixot-ic, revolutionary rule of the claimed that the Tigers' chief, Velupillai Prabakharan, bas already slipped off the peninsula and may be hiding at a jungle rebel base in the Kilinochchi or Mullaitivu areas

India would like to see the rebel chief caught, too, and may be belping the Sri Lankans with intelligence and supplies. The Indians accused the Tamil rebel of ordering the

1991 bomb attack which killed Rajiv Gandhi, the former Indithe Tamil leader, it is doubtful that they can crusb the rebels, even with the conquest of

Jaffna. Although many Tamils fear the Tiger chief and his revwere killed before the Tigers olutionaries, they fear the Sri



### US banks on peace in the Middle East

PATRICK COCKBURN

In the face of opposition from Enrope and Araboil states, the US has furced through the establishment of a Middle East development bank as an econumic symbol of the peace agreements that Israel has signed with the Palestinians, Jor-

dan and Egypt.
The Middle East and North Africa development bank, agreed yesterday at the eco-nomic summit in Amman and with capital of \$5bn (£3.2bn), is regarded with suspicion by Saudi Arabia and other oil states, which think Ibey may be called on to fund it.

West European states be-lieve enough financial institutims funding development exist already in the Middle East.

Israel and the US want to institutionalise the peace accords agreed with the PLO in 1993 and Jordan in 1994

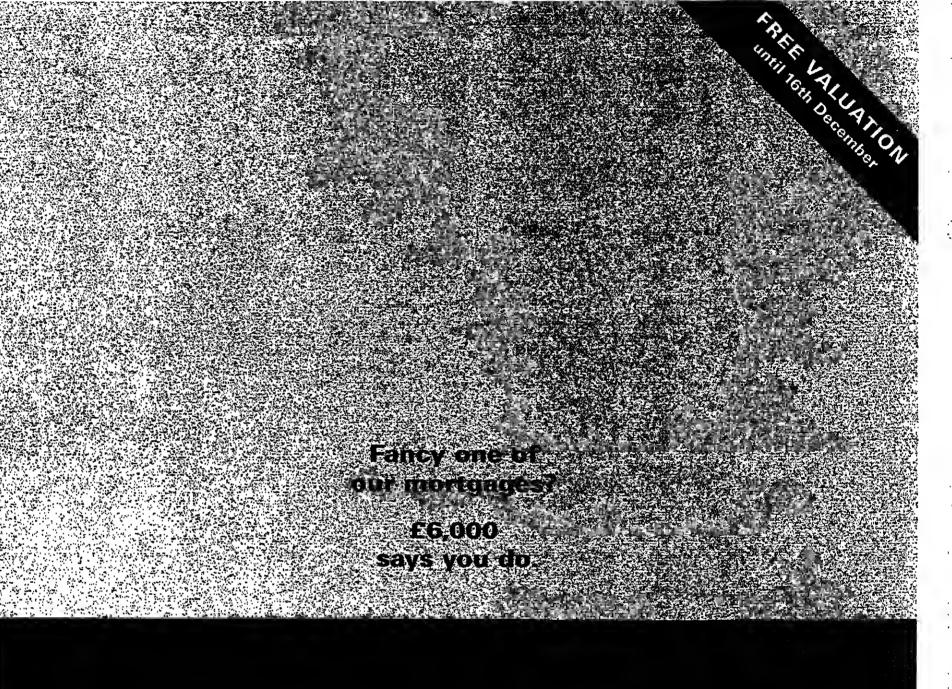
Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, told the summit, attended by more than 1.000 officials and businessmen, that "the bank's establishment is a major milestone. nnt least because it is the first such initiative put forward by the parties to the peace process

the Arab world is its agreement with Qatar in buy \$3bn of liq-uefied natural gas, signed yes-terday. Israel will also belong to

seeks in control the Middle East econnmy but there is no dnubt it is breaking out of economic isolatinn. The new develop-ment bank will he based in Cairo to satisfy Egypt, which fears it is being marginalised as other Arab leaders establish re-

Jordan has good reason to be satisfied with the summit, which enabled it to improve ties with Washington and the Gulf Arabs, which have been frosty owing to its neutrality in the Gulf war. Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman, has similar motives and needs aid to underpin his rule in Gaza and the West Bank.

Despite the agreements in Amman on the bank, tourism and Qatari gas, relations between the participants remain prickly. The Egyptian Foreign Minister, Amr Moussa, criticised Jordan for hurrying to normalise relations with Israel. King Hussein replied: "Egypt preceded us by 17 years." Mr Peres also clashed with Arab Another sign that Israel is establishing economic links with del Israel "to commit suicide".



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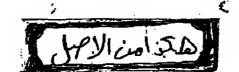
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# This is last chance to end the war, says Clinton

RUPERT CORNWELL

As the leaders of Bosnia, Croatia, and Serbia headed for Dayton, Ohio, a sombre President Bill Clinton warned that the peace talks that open today at an air force base in the American Midwest represented the best "and perhaps the last chance for a very long time" of ending the Bosnian war.

Flanked by Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, and the chief US Bosnia negotiator, Richard Holbrooke, Mr Clinton said the US could not impose a peace on the belligerents -"only the parties to this terrible conflict can end it." But American leadership was essential, as was the participation of US ground troops in the Nato peace-keeping force to police

Promising to seek "an expression of support" from a sceptical Congress for the op-eration, Mr Clinton reiterated that the 20,000 or more US troops sent to Bosnia would not be asked to enforce an unenforceable peace. The first re-

at Dayton, and an agreement "to end this mindless slaughter."

At Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, preparations were complete for the arrival of Presidents Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia, Franjo Tudjman of Croatia and Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia, and an estimated 200 aides and other diplomats who will be housed on the base. But what happens when the nego-tiations begin is anyone's guess.

Several potential pitfalls loom, starting with the ability of Mr Milosevic to sign a deal on behalf of the Bosnian Serbs. "If not, we're not going to have an agreement," warns Mr Holbrooke, whose arm-twisting and shuttle diplomacy have been largely responsible for bringing the peace process this far. Then there are the tensions

between Bosnians and Croats in their federation, due to be awarded 51 per cent of the country's territory under the draft settlement to be present-ed by the US in Dayton; Croatia's threats to use force to regain Eastern Slavonia from the Serbs and the renewed outcry over atrocities committed by the Bosnian Serbs at Srebreni-



Goodbye to all that: President Izetbegovic of Bosnia (left) leaving for the summit at a US Air Force base (centre), where he will meet President Milosevic of Serbia (right) ca, with which Mr Milosevic hand. The non-binding resolu-could yet be linked. Even if he tion was carried by 315 votes to

> every Republican. And these difficulties do not touch upon the substance of any settlement itself. Understand ably, Mr Holbrooke plays down the prospects of success in negotiations which are likely to be tougher even than the 1978-79

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Democrats as well as almost

Middle East talks. Dayton, he says, is "a gamble". The talks could last a week or three months, "but with no assurance of success", only the near certainty that failure would send Bosnia back to war.

Under the "proximity talks" formula, modelled on the Middle East talks at Camp David, the parties will talk directly or via Mr Holbrooke and other

mediators. The starting point is a "very specific" draft peace set-tlement drawn up by Mr Hol-brooke and the five-nation Contact Group. The negotiations will deal separately with the various issues - the constitution, the split of territory, the status of Sarajevo, reconstruction, the return of refugees - so that impasse on one will not

block progress on the rest.

A strict media black-out will operate, with what briefings there are being beld in Washington, except for specific interim agreements, for which the press will be summoned to Dayton. The three presidents have promised to say nothing either. The plenary sessions will be held at the base's Hope Hotel, named after the comedian

Sarajevo - The United Nations is dramatically cutting its troops in Bosnia even before a peace deal is signed, reflecting its financial crisis and the prospect of UN soldiers being replaced by a new Nato-led force, Renter reports.

The UN military spokesman, Chris Vernon, said that that up to 6,000 soldiers were ready to



# Rape row dogs Perry in Japan

RICHARD LLOYD PARRY

The US Defense Secretary, William Perry, arrived in Tokyo yesterday hoping to defuse the diplomatic crisis sparked by the alleged rape of a schoolgirl by US servicemen on the island

In meetings with his opposite number, Seishiro Eto, and the Japanese Foreign Minister, Yohei Kono, Mr Perry will address the problem of how to re-assert the importance of the entire relationship."

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quelling anger over the rape and over the massive US military presence on the small southern

"The key message is that the US-Japan Security relationship is an absolute key to security and stability in Asia and that nobody benefits more than Japan," Mr Perry told reporters on his plane. "While we are deeply sorry for the suffering of the schoolgirl and her family, we that this is an ambitious goal for a two-day trip and that the isa two-day trip and that the issue may not be resolved before President Bill Clinton's summit with the Japanese Prime Min-ister, Tomiichi Murayama, in

is not, the Bosnian Muslims are

demanding the war-crimes issue

be tackled directly in the talks.

must contend with Congress's

hostility to the deployment of US soldiers, symbolised by a

House of Representatives res-

olution this week, demanding Congress's approval before-

Finally, the administration

Protests against the rape have spread throughout Japan, with demands for a reduction of the US presence on Okinawa, where 29,000 troops and threequarters of US bases in Japan are concentrated. Mr Perry said last week that while the bases

three weeks.

moved closer to the Japanese government's line, saying units might be moved to different parts of the country.

For Tokyo that presents another question: if not Okinawa, where? US officials cite the cost of relocating bases, which would be borne by Japan, as an ob-stacle. Another is that if the Americans are unpopular on Okinawa, they would be even less welcome elsewhere.



#### Lubbers winning the race to head Nato

SARAH HELM

After two weeks of back-room negotiation, Rund Lubbers, the former Dutch prime minister, appears to have won broad backing to become the next Nato Secretary-General.

Mr Lubbers has not yet been formally proposed for the job, and Washington has not yet stated its position. But with German, French and British support, a formal announcement is expected shortly.

For Britain and the United States, Mr Lubbers is a compromise who has emerged as favourite in the absence of a more attractive candidate. After the resignation of the Belgian Willy Claes over a bribe scandal in Belgium, Washington and London had hoped that a heavyweight candidate would emerge at a crucial period in Nato's history.

According to Foreign Office sources, Britain would have backed Volke Rübe, the former German defence minister, but he expressed no interest. John Major last week voiced the intention of presenting a strong British candidate: Sir Leon Brittan, Britain's senior European Union commissioner. Mr Major was encouraged to

put a name forward by the US, which first expressed the hope that Douglas Hurd would take the job. However, the former foreign secretary has shown no interest in the Nato position.

The suggestion that Sir Leon be put forward was apparently not greeted with enthusiasm by Britain's European partners.
Although highly respected, he was not considered sufficiently popular, or to have enough

experience in defence. The Hague has been reluctant to propose Mr Lubbers for-mally following a string of failures by the Dutch to win top European posts. Germany was widely believed to be opposed to Mr Lubbers, who tried unsuccessfully last year to become President of the European Commission. However, Chancellor Helmut Kohl is now keen to forge close ties with the Netherlands. France is eager to support Mr Lubbers, in order to prevent Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, the former Danish foreign minister, from getting the job. Angered by Danish protests over French nuclear tests, Paris has manoenvred bard against the Danish candidate.

# Claims grow that Baku disaster was sabotage

PHIL REEVES Moscow

Allegations that the Baku metro disaster in Azerbaijan was caused by a bomb increased in volume yesterday after investigators reportedly found two mysterious large holes in the side of one of the wrecked railway carriages.

Azeri national television last night quoted experts who said the holes pointed to the use of an explosive device.

The allegation was that the bomb was charged with poisonous gases which killed many of In Moscow, the Russian news

who said that the bombing was to aggravate the social and political situation" in the republic in the run-up parliamentary elections on 12

November. This has been the focus of political dissent in the unstable former Soviet republic.

At least 289 people were killed and 269 burt when a fire broke out a train on Saturday while it was in a tunnel between two stations in central Baku, an oil city of 1.8 million people on the western shores of the

At first, the Azeri government commission of inquiry investigating the disaster concluded that it was caused by an electrical fault and blamed outdated Soviet-era equipment, but since then the authorities have

begun to entertain the possibility of sabotage. The theory is being taken seagency Itar-Tass quoted sources riously, not least because 20 ings in Baku's metro system in

the last 18 months, but the picture is complicated by the suspicion that the metro's operators may be trying to blame a non-existent saboteur sponsible themselves.

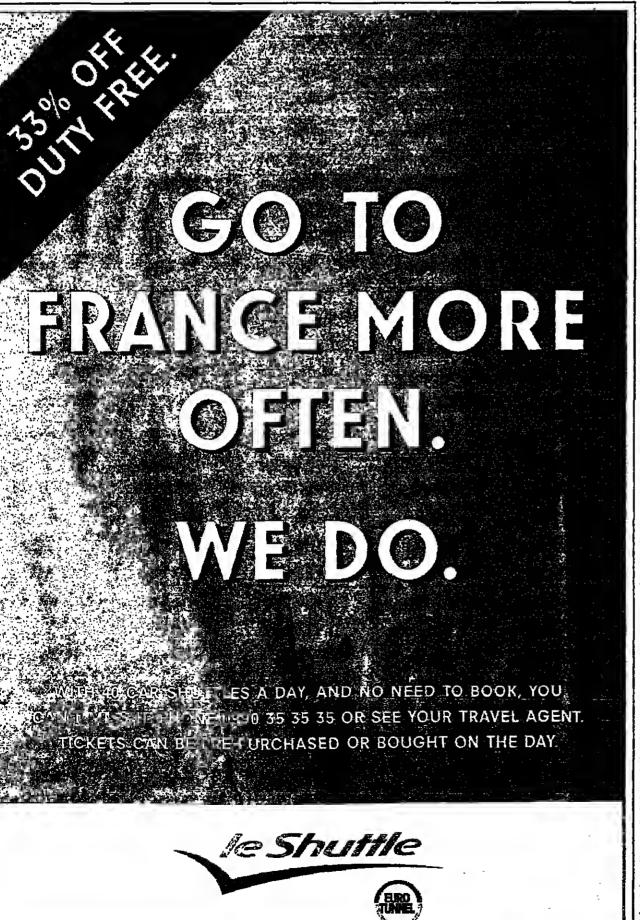
Adding weight to this theory, a fire broke out yesterday on the Baku underground after a train engine caught fire at the Kara Karayev station.

The Deputy Prime Minister. Abbas Abbasov, said the fire was put out promptly by station Officials bave said many of

the victims of Saturday's disaster were poisoned by gases released as flames swept through the tunnel. Azeri national television -

which has been under strict government control since the tragedy - quoted experts saving that poison was used in the

If so, the disaster would be a repetition - on a terrifying scale of the poisoning of passengers in the Tokyo metro in March, allegedly by a religious cult, in which 12 people died.







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Mnscow — President Boris Yeltsin's wife, Naina, said his condition had improved, although aides expressed doubt that he would

be well enough to receive visitors in the near future. The US State

Department said it had been told that Mr Yeltsin will recuper-

ate for at least five more weeks. In his first official order since

he suffered a mild heart attack last Thursday, the President

demanded information on why some parties were barred from

Brussels — The European Commission, reeling from controversy

over recent books by the Danish Commissioner and a senior British

official, plans to publish a code of conduct which will prohibit

the 20 commissioners from writing articles or giving speeches for money or gifts. Any commissioner planning to publish a book

covering EU matters will have to allow the Commission President,

Islamic Jihad leader's body flown to Syria

Damascus - The body of the Islamic Jihad leader Fathi Shka-

ki, shot in Malta on Thursday, was flown to Syria, where it was met by Ramadan Abdallah Shallah, making his first appearance

Milan — Italian journalists silenced television newscasts and threat-

ened five days of strikes at newspapers, magazines and news agencies as a wage dispute gathered force. .4P

Commission authors brought to book

Yeltsin condition 'improved'

parliamentary elections on 17 December.

Jacques Santer, to vet the manuscript.

Roh under scrutiny

Seoul - The disgraced former

Sonth Korean president, Roh

Tae Woo (right), has been

summoned to appear today

before state prosecutors who

want to question him in con-nection with a \$654m (£414m)

fortune that he is alleged to have

amassed in secret while he was

in power. Mr Roh would be the

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as the new head of the radical Palestinian group.

Italian journalists halt TV newscasts

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members, including the son of the group's founder. Tanzanian opposition to boycott new poll Dar es Salaam - Opposition politicians in Tanzania said they

it says contain Communist teachings or symbols.

# Thorn in side of Nigeria generals

Ken Saro-Wiwa, the writer and environmental activist sentenced to death yesterday, has been a thorn in the side of the Nigerian government ever since his Movement for the Survivat of the Ogoni People began to campaign against Shell oil com-

pany five years ago. Mosop aimed to force Shell to repair environmental damage caused by its activities, and to pass a greater share of oil revenues to the 500,000 Ogoni people, crammed into the 400sq mile territory of Ogoni land. The region, dotted with oil spills, contammated water and protests forced Shell to halt opprocess torced snear to nait op-erations in mid-1993. In August. ranons in mo-1225, in Augustic Nigerian military encourged neighbouring ethnic god neighbouring ethnic groups to attack the Ogonis, and aised mobile "kill-and-go" poies to attack demonstrations.



Saro-Wiwa: Oil protests

Mr Saro-Wiwa's stance provoked divisions among the Ogoni, but the moderates were sidelined by a Mosop intolerance and government repression.

The tribunal which condemned Mr Saro-Wiwa and three others for the murder of four Mosop members has been sitting in the oil city of Port Harcourt since February.

Human rights organisations, including Human Rights Watch/Africa, have been campaigning for the trial to be stopped. "The tribunal lacks independence and impartiality and has been the subject of intense international criticism". said a report by Human Rights

The murders of the four Mosop activists took place in May last year. Mr Saro-Wiwa and his colleagues are alleged to have carried out the killings because the men were selling out to the military government. Two of the murdered men were his in-laws and the other two close friends.

Campaigners for the release of the accused admit Mr Saro-Wiwa had differences with the murdered men over the leadership of Mosop but contend the four men were murdered by government agents bent on dis-

crediting Mosop. The military regime of General Sani Abacha has been trying to suppress the secessionist movement which is demanding compensation from Shell for pollution of Ogoni land by nearly 100 on-shore oil wells.

Protesters chained to the doors of the Nigerian High Commission in London yesterday

Oil export revenue accounts for about 90 per cent of Nigeria's foreign exchange, and a 1978 decree ruled that all land where oil is found belongs to the

federal state. "The land is so devastated environmentally that fishermen not start agitatin". and farmers cannot sustain their lives". Dr Owens Saro-Wiwa told the Independent

brother was announced. "The government and the oil companies did not like the demands being made by our organisation. They are prepared to do anything so that other ethnic groups in Nigeria will

Dr Owens Saro-Wiwa, who granted the interview at a clandestine location in Lagos, is on

brother had been tortured and that more than 30 Mosop

activists are in detention. "My brother's lawyers were detained and persecuted", Dr Owens Saro-Wiwa said. "Witnesses were discouraged from giving evidence by harassment and hribery".

In a statement, Ken Saroshortly before the verdict on his the run. He claimed that his he was tortured, Lawyers de-erament Ogoni leaders.

Photograph: John Lawrence fending Mr Saro-Wiwa pulled out of the case in the summer in protest at the failure of state

officials to submit key evidence

to the tribunal. The Human Rights Watch report, which was published in July, says that at least 50 Ogonis were executed without trial by the security forces after the Wiwa said that after his arrest murders of the four pro-gov-

#### South Korea to be examined by prosecutors. Ankara offers EU another olive branch

Ankara — In another attempt to win approval for a crucial customs union, Turkey's Prime Minister, Tansu Ciller, proposed lifting martial law in south-eastern Turkey, where the military has fought secessionist Kurds for 11 years. The European Parliament has threatened to veto the pact unless Turkey improves its humanrights record.

#### Lawyers quit Muslim Brotherhood trial

Cairo - Lawyers representing 49 members of the Muslim Brotherhood being tried in an Egyptian military court on anti-government charges have withdrawn, saying their clients were facing political, not criminal, charges, Meanwhile, the government pressed on with its crackdown against the Brotherhood, arresting seven

would boycott repeat elections called for next week in the country's capital, after the original ballot was scrapped because of chaos at polling booths. Presenting a united front, they plan to ask the High Court to declare null and void both the presidential and parliamentary polls.

#### Jeans make Indonesians see red

Jakarta - Indonesian security forces in the Java town of Surakarta have seized eight dozen pairs of children's jeans bearing the Communist hammer and sickle. Since the mid-1960s the goveroment has benned books records films and other products a

# Election battle rages in an SA gangland black townships have had their

#### Johannesburg — Westbury, or Western as it is better known from its old name of Western Coloured Township, is a sprawling neighbourhood of box-like houses in a part of Johannesburg where the experienced do not stop at red lights.

There are few trees or patches of grass to break up the monolony of asphalt pavement and cement alleyways. Only graffiti and idle young men decorate the neighbourhood. The writing on walls preaches the Bible, while the youths watch the streets with busy eyes. Occasionally there is quick hand movement followed by the

pulled out of a waistband.

### Robert Block sees a struggle for hearts and minds in a slum where the gun rules

This is gang country, home to the Fastguns and Varados and other groups who wage nightly gun-battles to control the local drugs trade, one of the few sources of employment in this part of town. More recently, however. Western has become a different kind of battleground, a centre of an intense political struggle for the hearts and minds of people who live here, waged not with guns or threats. but with anti-drug slogans and rallies for better housing and lower rents. Western is in the heart of Ward 18, one of the

cal elections, which take place running as a spoiler. "Apathy today. It comprises townships which used to be reserved for Coloured people (of mixed

Yet for all the symbolic Importance of electing new and accountable authorities, and despite the heavy promotion to get people to vote, today's polls have generated little real interest or enthusiasm

Ward 18 looks like being an exception, with the vote set to be a dead heat between Presiing here," he said. dent Nelson Mandela's African National Congress and the for-

may be a worty for some candidates in other wards, but cer-

Wadvalla, the ANC candidate. Mr Wadvalla believes he has a 50-50 chance of victory. "This is not an easy ward. It has a township, poor inner-city areas and a middle-class suburb. The whole ward is predominantly mixed-race, and Coloured polities is always complicated. The National Party has solid back-

Coloureds have been traditionally fearful of unfettered South Africa's first all-race lo- a well-known local do-gooder cas where they are a strong idents complained that while killing each other."

force, such as the Western Cape, they tended to side with the conservative white Nationtainly not in mine," said Shahit

But in Western, even that is not a certainty. According to Ralph Goodall, principal of the Newclare primary school, the independent candidate, Florrie Danniels, an elderly volunteer worker, also has some support. "She has done a lot of good work here over the years, working for better housing and

living conditions," he said.
The cost of municipal housing and rates are the key issues

local rates capped, Western and other nearby Coloured areas have not, a fact they hlame on the ANC, because they say it does not respond to Coloured needs. Crime, of course, is the other key issue, which all parties promise to tackle. But locals see the cost and quality of housing as being intricately linked to the crime problem "Look at how we live on top of on another in these decaying boxes," said Vernon Naidoo, the local school janitor and a mediator between the gangs. "There is hardly room to breathe. Living like this en-

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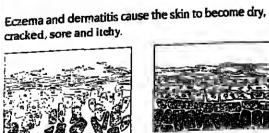


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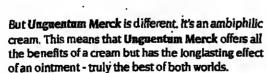
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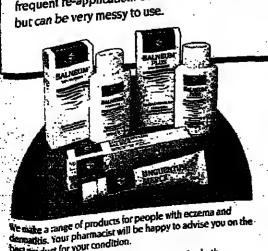
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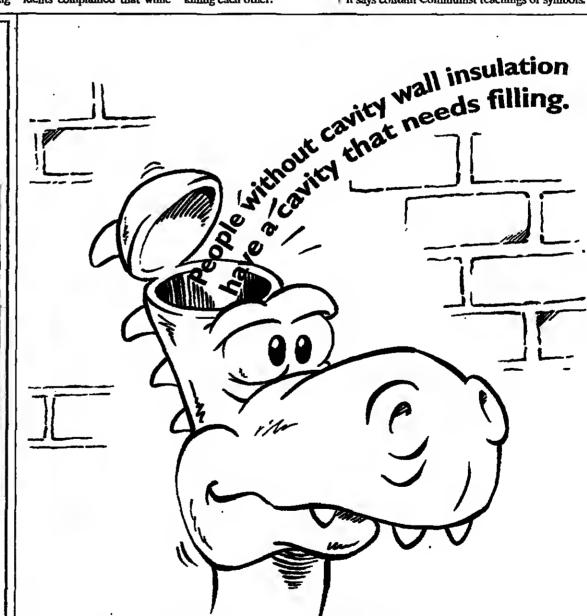
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# Sir Wallace Rowling

Wallace Rowling, who was widely acclaimed as the "nice guy" of modern New Zealand politics, was not hlessed with fuck. He spent 22 years in Parliament, only three of them in government. He led the Labour Party for 10 years and was Prime Minister for 15 months, but never won an election.

A diminutive, self-effacing man who openly admitted to a low-key political style, he was eclipsed by two physically large and charismatic Labour leaders -his predecessor, Norman Kirk, who died in office in 1974, and his successor, David Lange, who ousted him in early 1983.

"Bill" Rowling also had the misfortune to be a contemporary of Robert Muldoon, one of the roughest and toughest politicians New Zealand has ever seen, who beat him in three elections.

During an aggressive cam-paign in 1975, Muldoon dubbed Rowling "a shiver looking for a spine to run up". Helped more by the first oil-price shock which pushed New Zealand into a heavy trade deficit than that kind of personal abuse, Muldoon's National Party went on to win the election in a landslide. "Being a nice guy is clearly a dis-ability in politics and it was certainly not a good attribute in the 1975 campaign." Rowling said ruefully years later, "It was played as a weakness against strength. I didn't fight a very good campaign. I was tentative

and people didn't want that." Bill Rowling was nurtured in politics. His father, Arthur, was a foundation member of the New Zealand Labour Party and as a child Wallace went to political meetings and saw virtu-

ally every member of Michael Joseph Savage's first Labour government call at the family home near Motueka, in the South Island.

After working as a teacher and education officer in the Army, Rowling entered Parliament in a by-election in 1962. He became president of the Labour Party in 1970 and the first New Zealand Minister of Finance with an economics degree when Kirk led Labour to victory in the 1972 general election.

Despite his background,

Rowling was unprepared to take over when Kirk died suddenly on 31 August 1974. He confessed later to a period of "very real self-doubt", admitting: "Throughout my life, I've always been fearful about what the next step might hold. I wor-ry very much about out-reaching my capacity." He said he had never seen himself as Prime Minister. "Norm was relatively young [51 when he died] and we expected him to be around for a long time. I never thought I'd

take his place."
At 46, Rowling was the youngest New Zealand prime minister this century. "It was a hell of a shock." he recalled later, "I was ill-prepared emouonally for the job." Despite his self-doubts and modest, deliberative and reserved demeanour, he was described by insiders as tough in Cabinet and hard on non-performers. But it was his public image, further undermined by a somewhat high voice, that Muldoon targeted in

the 1975 election campaign. Such was the bitter personal Such was the bitter personal nature of the campaign that a group called "Citizens for Rowl- from a group of MPs within the



Rowling (centre right) during the 1975 New Zeala

ing" was set up to counter Mul-Parliamentary Labour Party doon's attacks. Described as who wanted to replace him with the deputy leader David people "not normally involved in partisan party politics but deeply concerned by some of Lange. Rowling came close to quitting but, persuaded to fight, he defeated Lange by one vote the trends in current political

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popular vote, but Muldoon was

leaders and businessmen. The state of the economy was voters' biggest worry, however, and Muldoon swept to victory. Although Rowling said he felt as though he had been run over by a bas, he set about restoring party morale singlehanded and led Labour to a remarkable comeback in 1978 when it won more votes than the Nationals but failed to translate

life", it included Sir Edmund.

Hillary, the Anglican bishop Paul Reeves and other church

turned with an overall majority of two seats. Rowling stayed on for another two years before reluctantly bowing to Lange's rising popularity and stepping down as leader. He resigned from Par-liament at the 1984 snap electhem into a majority of seats. tion that saw Labour regain power after nine years. Rowling was one of the ar-

chitects of New Zealand's antinuclear policy, which Lange then put in place. He became the first former Prime Minister to serve as a New Zealand ambassador when Lange sent him to Washington, where he travelled His position was consolidated but he admitted during the next election campaign in 1981 extensively across the United

States explaining the policy.

He fell out with the Lange government over its reformist economic policies, accusing it of causing unnecessary pain and suffering but seldom went public with his views. He developed a new-found interest over the last few years as chairman of a committee overseeing the building of a new national museum on the waterfront at Wellington. He resigned only three weeks ago when he was

diagnosed as having a terminal

Werner Rulf

was marred by tragedy. He and his wife, Glen, lost their second child when she was five months

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Wallace Edward Rowling, politibassador to the United States

cian: born Motueka, New Zealand 15 November 1927; MP (Labour) for Buller 1962-72, for Tasman 1972-84; President, New Zealand Labour Party 1970-73; Minister of Finance 1972-74; Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs 1974-75; PC 1974; KCMG 1983; Am-1985-88; President, New Zealand Institute of International Affairs 1990-95; married 1951 Glen Reaves (two sons, one daughter, brain tumour. and two daughters deceased).
Bill Rowling's personal life died Motueka 31 October 1995.

T. M. Haydn Rees

T.M. Hayda Rees combined for-midable administrative skills vice his battles with the Weish vice his battles with the Weish with energetic public campaigning to a degree unusual among senior local government officials. He spent a lifetime in public service in Wales, becoming chief executive of Chwyd County Council in 1974 when local government in the principality was subjected to a substantial reorganisation which tested the mettle of adminis-

trators almost to breaking point.

Rees put Mold, a town with

population of 10,000 and home of the county council's headquarters, firmly on the map. As well as guiding the new authority through its forma-tive years he lobbied persistently for the setting up of Mold Law Courts, making the town the principal legal centre in North Wales. Theatr Clwyd, built overlooking the town near County Hall, is reckoned to he one of the most innovative and successful regional theatres in Britain; its existence owes much to the efforts of Haydn Rees. In the early 1980s North Wales, like much of Britain, faced seemingly intractable eco-nomic problems. The textile industry on Deeside was declining rapidly and the axe poised over Shotton steelworks, which employed more than 10,000, was descending. Rees led a tenacious fight to retain steel-making, but as the stark in-dustrial philosophy of the Thatcher government scythed its way through heavy industry the works was closed. Rees immediately immersed himself in a battle to bring in new employment - a campaign which led to the establishment of the Deeside Industrial Park where big firms like the paper makers Kimberley Clark and Iceland Frozen Foods are located.

Born at Gorseinon, near Swansea, Rees finished his education at Swansea Business College and in 1947 was appointed assistant solicitor to the former Caernarfon County Council. The following year he went north to Flint County Council in a similar role, becoming county clerk in 1967. In 1974 be took the helm at the new Clwyd authority, retiring in 1977. From 1967 to 1977 he was

clerk to the North Wales Police

Office to secure parity with South Wales when the distribution of government funding was discussed became something of a legend - and won him wide respect.

Retirement seemed not to figure in his vocabulary. He was a member of the Welsh Arts Council from 1968 to 1977. and served on the Mold magistrates' bench from 1977 becoming chairman in 1985. From 1977 to 1982 he was chairman of the Welsh Water Authority when the organisation was a much-respected public utility. He was a member of the Sevem Barrage Committee from

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1978 to 1981, a member of the National Water Council from 1977 to 1982 and a part-time member of BSC (Industry) Limited from 1979 to 1983.

The arts held a special place in his affections. Theatr Clwyd stands as a tribute to his successful efforts to introduce culture in its widest sense to Wales. He sat as a member of the Welsh Arts Council from 1968 to 1977 and was a member of the Gorsedd of Bards of the Royal National Eisteddfod.

Thomas Morgan Haydn Rees, local government official: born Gorseinon, West Glamorgan 22 May 1915; Member, Welsh Ans Council 1968-77; Chief Executive, Clwyd County Council 1974-77; CBE 1975; Chairman, Welsh Water Authority 1977-82: married 1941 Marion Beer (one daughter); died Mold, Clwyd 28 October 1995.

## **Margaret Godfrey**

Margaret Godfrey will always be remembered by her friends as "a golden person". This was not only because of her striking red hair. She had a glowing faith in women's place in the modern world, combining intelligence and experience with energy and common sense, firmness with warmth. But there was no hot temper to match the hair; she remained extraordinarily calm, even when performing prodigies of organisation during the Second World War.

Though a strong believer in women's education, she relinquished Newnham, Cambridge, and an Economics degree to marry Captain John Godfrey RN at 20. By 1939 she was not a widely travelled naval wife but married to the now Director of Naval Intelligence (DNI). It was Godfrey's key task to provide all the "topographical" information and contacts" necessary to a modern force, in strictest secrecy, through the Inter-Service Topographical Department (ISTD).

And here Margaret came in. Working first in Bletchley at the famous centre for ciphers and codes, then in Oxford liaising with the University Press, her responsibilities became staggering. All the printing of maps, pho-tographs and illustrations came under her; when she left in 1943 for India, where Godfrey was in command of the Royal Indian Navy, a new department had to be created to cope with this one

woman's former work. Admittedly at one point Margaret Godfrey had seemed too



good to be true. Sam Bassett, her boss, wondered whether she had been sent there to "spy". But no: she was "a treasure", Nor was there a security problem. The University Press found that printing four or five million exam papers every year had taught them all they needed to know about secrecy.

Margaret Godfrey did for the ISTD much of what Ian Fleming did for the DNI, though no one could have been less like Margaret than the creator of James Bond. In 1942 it was Admiral Cunningham himself who wrote that Mrs Godfrey's work gave Operation Torch (the invasion of North Africa) "a flying start". Six months earlier Combined Operations HO were advising calls on Oxford to be temporarily suspended as some of the overworked staff may collapse". Margaret

would not be one of them. As Secretary of the Women's Voluntary Services (India),

Margaret Godfrey was responsible for the welfare work in all three services all over the subcontinent, for which in 1945 she was awarded the Kaiser I Hind medal. She loved the people, treating as her "adopted daugh-ter" Baiji, sister of an Indian Flag Lieutenant, who later served as assistant secretary to Krishna Menon and Mrs

verted the old school house in Wilmington, Sussex, into enchanted "White Stacks", where Margaret became a hrilliant gardener, delighting in showing that she hoped to grow azaleas

Chelsea Centre for Children with Cerebral Palsy, for which Margaret and "Friends" raised funds to build a hydrotherapy pool. "A tower of strength" to all her colleagues, to me, a younger cousin, she was a model for women who became public servants while remaining devoted matriarchs.

norance or lack of time, so much of the work of foreign corre-In 1948 the Godfreys conspondents succumbs, became a

round the Friends of Eastbourne Hospital and her many other charities. I always heard by planting them in specially prepared lime-free beds; but, the first time it poured, the Long Man of Wilmington sent down a chalky torrent that defeated same time loved the country of his adoption. The often coneven Margaret. Admiral Godfrey died in troversial, indeed unproduc-1971, having founded the tive, area of Anglo-German

Elizabeth Longford Margaret Hope: born Birming

ham 30 July 1901; married 1921

John Godfrey (died 1971; three

daughters); died 2 September

Harmar-Nicholls, former MP, 83;

Mr David Harris MP, 58; Mr Alec

Werner Rulf was for more than 20 years the distinguished London Correspondent of Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen (ZDF), the independent channel of German Television. He proved an outstanding interpreter of Britain to the German audience. Raising his reporting above the cliché level to which, through ig-

ission for him. When he obtained British naturalisation in 1961, he was proud to be allowed to remain a German citizen. His two passports were something of a symbol. England was his and his family's devoted home, but he was German first, a rare bein nowadays, when national loyalties are looked down upon; he was true to his country's best democratic tradition, and at the

relations found no better professional practititioner. The quality of his reporting on the British political, social and cultural scene was helped by his previous interest. Rulf read English German and Romanic philology at the university of Göttingen and came to England in 1949 as an assistant lecturer in German at Birmingham University. Next year he ioined the German Service of the BBC, then a prestige job for

#### forbidden wartime listening. Rulf became a newscaster, later editor and author of his own

broadcasts, which also led to joint programmes with the new German Broadcasting Associ-ation (ARD), much indebted to British midwifery. Early in 1963 Rulf was invited to set up the London studio of Germany's Second Channel Television (ZDF) and became staff correspondent and head of

its London office until 1983. He stayed on as a permanent collaborator until 1989, producing his own documentary features - on relations between British public and police, on the role of the ancient universities, on the environmental rebirth of the Port of London much acciaim in Germany.

A Berliner by hirth - his father was a civil servant in the Berlin-Wilmersdorf local goverament - Rulf completed his grammar-school education at the well-known Grünewald



Rulf: two passports

Gymnasium by 1941, He was then conscripted to the Luftwaffe, trained as a wireless operator, and seconded to an interpreter school. He counted himself fortunate that the war ended for him as a British pris mer of war by September 1945. His Evangelical family back ground was important for him in withstanding the allurement of Nazism for a German of his generation, and to find an easy bridge to Britain's liberal tradition. He was at heart a German conservative (with a small

c), rare in his métier. After his retirement he continued to report on British affairs for the German weeklies Christ und Welt and Rheinische hobby, a large collection of videos of old British and German films and television programmes overflowing into many rooms of his Chiswick home. He was the author of two lively travel guides for German readers England, der Süden (1990) and London (1991).

He had married in 1951 Helga Müller, from an old Westphalian family of mineworkers, and their two daughters continue professionally in their father's bilingual commitment.

Werner Rulf, journalist: born Berlin 30 May 1920; Assistant Lecturer in German, Birmingham University 1949-50; staff BBC German Service 1950-62 London staff correspondent, ZDF 1963-89; died London 22 October 1995.

#### Mike Dutfield

"Making television is easy," Mike Dutfield said. "It's making television worth watching which is the difficult bit." Beint to Bosnia, on which I was his producer, was certainly a difficult series and Dutfield a demanding colleague, writes Dennis Walsh [further to the obituary by George Carey, 31

October]. ated, he was also a patient listener who willingly accepted advice, hardly flinching at criticism if he saw the ment of what was being proposed. This was as true on location as it was in the cutting-room. When I complimented him on the fact, he seemed puzzled. "But that's the essence of television," he replied. "It's a collaborative

medium." Nevertheless, working together every day for many months in mostly dangerous places definitely raises the temperature. He, Robert Fisk and often had arguments, but we decided from the beginning that nothing would go into the programme unless all three of us were happy that it should. What matters is the programme, always the programme, Duffield used to say.

We realised all along that the series would be controversial. Judging by the stream of abuse Channel 4 received on hroadcasting Beirut to Bosnia, we were certainly confirmed in our expectations. The Discovery Channel, Channel 4's American co-partners in the series, have already dropped their plans for a repeat showing, so vociferous ing the first hroadcast. Perhaps being banned in America is a triumph of a kind, though I know that is not how Robert Fisk thinks of it.

"We must be barmy to risk our lives making minority programming like this. Does anyone really care?" Durfield asked one night when tiredness had got the better of him. Though I believe that he definitely did care. In order to get the kind of pictures television audiences have come to expect, it is necessary for camera crews to take up positions in exposed and dangerous situations. As an award-winning director, Dutfield understood that better than anyone. Yet as a family man the risks had to be weighed carefully: "1 suppose some things are worth dying for - but for television?"

### Births, Marriages & Deaths

#### BIRTHS

GORFREE: On 27 October, to Amanda (née Turvey) and Andrew, a son, Felix Frederick, a brother for Cosmo.

#### DEATHS

DAVIS: On 30 October 1995, at his home in Bungay, Suffolk, Oai (Den-nis Michael), aged 7n years, Husband of Wendy, father of Oliver and Lucinda. Funeral service at the City of Norwich (Eartham) Crematorium on Friday 3 November at 12 noon, Flow-ers, or if preferred, donations for Cancer Research, c/o Cossey Funeral Services, 12 Chaucer Street, Bungay, Sulfolk NR35 1DT.

#### ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

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Changing of the Guard

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. B. Hobbouse and Miss L. H. Alsop

The engagement is announced be-tween Robert, son of Mr Henry Hobhouse and the late Mrs Pamela Hobbouse, of Lower Hadspen, Somerset, and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Alsop, of East Tytherton,

#### Mr P. C. L. Parker

The engagement is announced be-tween Philip, elder son of Mr Brian Parker, of Twickenham, London, and of Mrs Janet Hall, of Dartmout Devon, and Jane, younger daughter of Professor Sir Miles and Lady trying, of Bolton, Lancashire.

#### Mr D. Zniil

and the Hon E.L.L. Howard The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs William Zuill, of Adelaide, Australia, and Emma, youngest daughter of Lord Stratheons and Mount Royal, of Colonsay, Scotland, and Lady Jane Howard, of London.

#### Birthdays

Mr Umberto Agnelli, deputy chairman of Fiat, 61; Sir Hugh Bidwell, former Lord Mayor of London, 61; Professor Sir Hermann Bondi, former Master of Churchill College, Cambridge, 76; Admiral Sir John Bush, 81; Mr Terence Cunco, portrail-painter, 88; Miss Victoria de los Angeles, soprano, 72; Mr Nigel Demoster, journalist, 54; Mr Michael Denison, actor, 80; Mr George Dobry, former circuit judge, 77; Mr Lou Donaldson, alto saxophonist, 69; Miss Tazeena Firth, stage designer, 60; Mr Bruce Grocott MP, 55; Lord

Higgins, underwriter, 81; Mr David Hobson, former senior partner, Coopers & Lybrand, 73; Sir Wynn Hugh-Jones, former diplomat, 72: Mr Roger Kellaway, composer and pi-anist, 56; Mr Andrew Knight, former executive chairman. News International, 56; Dr J. Dickson Mabon, former government minister, 70; Miss Naomi Mitchison, novelist, 98; Mr Nick Owen, journalist and broadcaster, 48; Mr Gary Player, golfer, 60; Mr John Pullen, rugby player, 54; Mr James Ramsden, chairman, Lon-

#### don Clinic, 72; Mr Gerald Ramer, former chairman, Ramers, 46.

Births: Sir Matthew Hale, Chief Justice and law reformer, 1609; Nicolas Boilean-Despreaux, poet and satirist, 1636; Laurence Stephen Lowry, primitive painter, 1887. Deaths: John Radcliffe, physician and founder of the Radcliffe Library, Oxford, 1714; Ezra Loomis Pound. poet, 1972; Phil Silvers, comedian and actor, 1985. On this day: the Bank of Scotland was founded, 1695; the first W.H. Smith bookstall opened, at Euston Station, London, 1848; the first section of the M1 motorway was opened, 1959. Today is the Feast Day of All Saints, St Austremonius or Stremoine, St Benignus of Dijon, St Cadfan, Saints Caesarius and Julian,

Anniversaries

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Lectures Victoria and Albert Museum: Imogen Stewart, "t8th-century Cotton Gowns", 230pm. Tate Gallery: Colin Cruise, "New Messages, Old Texts", 1.15pm.

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Slade School of Fine Art, London WC1: Mark Cousins, "Vivacity and Death", 6pm.

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ers in Germany inherited from

#### Luncheons

Department of Trude and Industry and Foundation for Science and

Mr Ian Lang MP, President of the Board of Trade, and Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided jointly at a lunch, lecture and discussion held yesterday at the Royal Society, London SW1. Dr Ben Ngubane, Minister of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology for South Africa, spoke on "Science and Technology in South Africa: future

#### Dinners

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr Malcolm Rifkind QC MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Com-monwealth Affairs, held a dinner yesterday evening at 1 Carlton Gar-dens, London SWt, in honour of Mr Gyula Horn, Prime Minister of the Republic of Hungary.

#### Medicine, Royal Colleges of Physicians

Professor Sir William Asscher, President of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine, Royal Colleges of sicians of the United Kingdom, and Lady Asscher, together with Dr John Domenet, Immediate Past President, and Mrs Domenet, were faculty held yesterday evening at the Royal College of Physicians, London W1. Mr Till Medinger, President of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry, was the principal guest.

## Decision by fund administrator was final

Mutual Insurance Association (Laxembourg) v Cristal Ltd; Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Pill) 19 October 1995

A clause in an international agreement providing for compensation for damage caused by oil pollution, which stipulated that the company administering the fund was to be the "sole judge" of the validity of any claims under the contract, meant that decisions of the fund administrator on any question of fact was to be final and binding for all purposes and could not be reviewed by the court unless it was unfair,

in bad faith or perverse. The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by the fund administrator, Cristal Ltd, against a preliminary ruling given by Mr Justice Waller (see [1995] 1 Lloyd's Rep 560) in an action hrought by the plaintiff, West of England Ship Owners Mutual Insurance Association (Luzembourg).

The Contract Regarding a Supplement to Tanker Liability for Oil Pollution, known as the Cristal Contract, was an international agreement made between Cristal Ltd. a Bermudian company, and a large number of oil industry compaLAW REPORT

plaintiff.

contributed to the fund. It en- Gilman QC and Vernon Flynn titled claimants to recover compensation from the fund. administered by Cristal Ltd. for damage from oil pollution sustained by that claimant or by someone to whom the claimant had paid compensation.

claims were to be brought within a specified time limit. Clause XI provided: In fulfilling its obligations, in accordance with the terms of this

The contract specified that

contract, Cristal Ltd shall be the sole judge in accordance with these terms of the validity of any claim Cristal asserted that the plain-

tiff's claims had not been

brought within the time limit

and that it had exclusive juris-

diction to determine whether

or not a time limit had expired. The judge ruled that any determination by Cristal Ltd as to whether or not a claim had been made in time could be reviewed by an English court, that the court's power of review was unrestricted, and that findings of fact as well as conclusions of law could be challenged. Cristal

Ltd appealed. Peter Gross QC and Christopher Hancock (Ince & Co) for Cristal Ltd; nies throughout the world, who Adrian Hamilton QC, Jonathan

1 November 1995 (Holman Fenwick & Willan) for the

> Lord Justice Neill said that at common law an agreement wholly to oust the jurisdiction of the courts was against public policy. In the absence of some statutory provision, such as section 3 of the Arbitration Act 1979, that rule remained in force. But it was clear that in applying the rule questions of fact were treated differently

from those of law. Cristal accepted that its decisions on questions of law could be reviewed by the court. Cristal also accepted that the court could intervene if it acted unfairly or perversely.

In the light of these concessions and since, under the contract, clause XI was to be construed and to take effect in accordance with English law and English courts were to have exclusive jurisdiction "over any matter arising" from the contract, it seemed that no question of ouster arose. The problem was to define the extent of the court's role.

It was unusual for one party to a contract to be constituted the sole arbiter of the

validity of any claim made against it. The plaintiff's argument that the determination under clause XI was merely a first stage determination, and that the words "sole judge" were inserted to make it clear that Cristal rather than the members of the company or some other person should make the first stage determination, was therefore attractive.

But that argument must be The contract was an unusu. al agreement. One of Cristal's functions was to administer the fund. In most cases the claimant would be a member. Cristal and the board of directors were there to hold a balance between such members.

In the context of the agreement, it seemed clear the words "sole judge" in clause XI were sufficient to show that the determination by Cristal would be final and binding for all purposes on matters of fact, subject to any question of unfarness, bad faith or perversity. That conclusion accorded with the nature of the scheme and took account of the importance of having the simplest possible machinery to adjudicate claims on the fund. Lord Justice Waite and Lord

Justice Pill agreed Paul Magrath, Barrister

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# news analysis

# back on the scene

Does new research finally prove that homosexuality can be inherited? Steve Connor investigates the latest controversial findings

scribility tends to run in families, according to Dean Hamer, the American scientist who has made a study of the senetic basis of blaze of publicity, there was an human sexual preferences. His natery from people who for one latest research, apparently confirming a genetic component to interests in showing homosexuality. has once again, by could or could not be inherited.

Two years ago Dr Hamer had shown in a study of the family histories of 114 homosexual men that being gay tends to be inherited. He found that 13.5 per cent of the brothers of these men were also gay, compared with just 2 per cent in the general population, a significant difference that appeared to show an inherited component to sexual orientation.

Dr Hamer also found that maternal uncles and maternal male cousins were more likely than by chance alone to be homosexual, indicating that whatever the inherited component was it was likely to be transmitted through the maternal line. This implicated the X chromosome which men inherit from their mothers (they receive their Y

chromosome from their fathers). He conducted detailed molecular studies of the genetic material — the DNA blueprint — of

per cent of the entire genetic make-up of humans, and yet it could contain up to several hun-dred genes. Although Dr Hamer over and the "main findings" of human behaviours. "If you are occupanted and the prestigious White-

The "gay gene" has cruised had not found a "gay gene", he had discovered convincing evidence that this region influences sexual orientation in some men. When this work emerged in a

rekindled confroversy into the genetics of the more sensitive aspects of human behaviour.

Paradoxically, Dr Flamet does not himself believe in a gay greet despite trying more than any other scientist to prove the extence of a genetic - and therefo inherited - component to se

> latest work, published yesterday in the journal Nature Genetics, is that there is a region on the X chro-mosome that influences varia-Hamer adds: "That does not

ever, this has not stopped the

gay brothers to study "genetic of his severest critics who have markers", which are rather like called into question the validity of signposts on a road map. He his earlier research, published in found 33 of the paired brothers had co-inherited genetic markers on the same region of the X chromosome, known as Xq28.

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tions in sexual orientation in men, but not in women. Though Dr mean we have found a gay gene."

Despite his protestations, how-

Indeed, he has admitted in the sumplistic way, and eradicating or at least allevilindeed, he has admitted in the sumplished diseases. Homopast that finding a gene for homosexuality, however, is not a disease
sexuality may be possible. And it inor an abnormality.

is likely that someone, somewhere will attempt to use his
work to develop a test for gayness,
something he has said he would
do everything in his power to stop.

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the previous study "have never been challenged", he said. Any further questions on that topic he refers to his lawyers.

The deep controversy stirred up by Dr Hamer's work is a rare phenomenon in the arcane world of genetics research, which usually world from interpreting his concerns itself with identifying research in this simplistic way. and eradicating or at least allevi-

The significance of Dr. Hamer's the prospect of a prenatal test for the X chromosomes of 40 pairs of latest work is that it answers some a gay gene, with the possibility of

investigating the causes of homo-sexuality," said gay activist Peter Tatchell, "why not look at the causes of heterosexuality? The implication is that heterosexuality is normal, natural and

unproblematic," Curiously, in the US at least, a number of gay groups welcomed the research, arguing that it. demonstrated the natural condition of bomosexuality, akin to inheriting blue eyes or brown hair, instead of regarding it as the consequence of perverse characteristics as legislation can be a legislation can be to stop discrimination of race or sex (both generally point inherited) then the same and research? Dr Hamer's reply ment, they believed sould apply that it furthered our under-

develop blood tests for sexual orientation, or a prenatal test so that expectant mothers could abort a foctus at risk of being gay. I think this would be wrong, unethical, and a terrible abuse of

research. It's wrong to discriminate on the basis of genes." Dr Hamer said he would try to prevent anyone from developi such a test. "We'll have the in

standing of an important aspect of human nature - sexual orientation. The Aids epidemic has taught us, too bitterly, that we have more to fear from ignorance than from new knowledge

about human sexuality Since 1993, Dr Hamer has expanded his research to include an extensive collaboration with

head Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Their latest findings, on another 33 pairs of gay brothers and 11 pairs of heterosexual brothers, confirmed the earlier work.

They also found no evidence that the critical Xq28 region of the X chromosome had anything to do with sexual orientation in les-

Such confidence is provoke still further those criticise the meaningfulness of such research. And Dr Hamer will continue to generate widespread controversy, especially if the day comes when he or someone else is able to announce the discovery of a true "gay gene", which will mean a medical test for homosexuality will not be far behind.

### **Arguments for** and against

The idea that [genetics] might be the reason for homosexuality does not take into consideration bisexuality. It polarises homosexuality and heterosexuality rather than seeing them as part of a continuum -David Fernbach, homosexual activist, July 1993

Some groups on the right, the religious fundamentalists, will say, "Here we have the gene for homosexuality, let's get rid of it." These are the same people who in the Thirties in Germany looked for a master race - Michael Cashman of Stonewall, the gay rights group, July 1993

If you are investigating the causes of homsexuality, why not look at the causes of heterosexuality? - Peter Tatchell, July 1993

Just because something is ethically complicated doesn't mean it shouldn't be investigated - Dr Bryan Sykes, a geneticist at the Institute of Molecular Medicine in Oxford, July 1993

We are carried along on a pell-mell rush towards biological determinism, a tidal wave of enthusiasm for all things genetic - Professor Steven Rose of the Open University, July 1993

have not found the gene, which we don't his exists, for sexual orientation Dean Hamer, geneticist at the US

never say we're 100 per cent sure, but rice as sure as before. We are better get sure that it's not a fluke er, October 1995

do we gain by finding out I gene? Nothing, except y those people who have up to all sorts of lange them co-founder of the llier-ce Against United States, July 1993

fuence presently tuence of nature to nurture -Vay, US neuroscientist Sexual July 1993

in men and be gay, but in women, so if en – perhaps a woman she'll be a more so than usual -III have enough children to me that gay men won't have

Ther reasons — I do not bl of ection for using genetic ing to limit this particular trend. It be like correcting many other conditions such as infertility or multiple sclerosis

- Lord Jakobovits, former chief rabbi, July

Abortion bope after "gay genes" findings – Daily Mail, July 1993

# Diary

#### DAVID USBORNE IN MONTREAL

Apparently, we were 7,000 people packing the main exhibition floor of Montreal's Palais des Congres where the "Oui" camp held its election rally on Monday evening. For the first hour or so, when the early returns were coming in. it felt more like 700,000, so deafening were the roars of eestasy when result after result seemed to point to a separatist victory. It was all I could do not to break into chants of "Tottenham, Tottenham".

It was actually at 8.59pm, not quite an hour after the polls closed, that the tide turned and the "Out" lead started to evaporate. The agony came at 9.34, when for a brief moment the tallies projected on the jumbo screens actually read 50:50 before the "Nons" pulled ahead. Suddenly, that same room seemed quite empty. To say the mood sagged does not begin to capture it. The same faces that minutes before had been contorted in expressions of raw excitement had gone quite blank. Eyes stared and hundreds of men and women wept silently. A distraught young man charged a camera man and bellowed into the leas, "C'est la guern: maintenant".

It was a night of chants and songs. Quebec's Premier, Jacques Parizeau, who disgraced bimself in his concessing speech by blaming defeat on the ethnic minority, could not resist joining in from the podium the rhythmic refrain of his followers, "Le Quebec aux Quebecois!" (Quebec for Ouebeckers). Across town at the victorious "Non" camp in the Metropole, a night club taken over for the night, federalist supporters retorted with a taunting variation on the same chorus: "Le Quebec au Canada! Le Quebec au Canada!"

Quebec in Canada. Earlier in the day the superstitions may have seen a good omen for the "Out" side in some unexpected flurries of snow across Montreal In his anthem for independence, folk musician Gilles Vigneault - to Quebeckers what Jacques Brel is to francophone Belgians - sang: "Mon pays, ce n'est pas mon pays, c'est l'hiver. Mon pays, ce n'est pas mon pays, c'est le neige" (My country, it is not my country, it is winter. My country, it is not my country, it is snow). But the forecast for Montreal yesterday? "Melting

Belgium's list of famous people is harder to compile even than Canada's. But this old Brussels hack did a double-take early in the



Out, the 'non' vote is a crying shame Ryan Remiorz

proceedings at the Palais des Congres when he spotted the bucolic features of none other than José Happart in the crowd. You know, José Happart. Well you probably don't, but he was the man who rekindled the separatist flame in the French-speaking Wallonia region of Belgium in the late

Eighties as the mayor of Les Fourons, a group of francophone hamlets marooned in an otherwise totally Flemish part of the country. With the red cockerel of Wallonia emblazoned on his dark-blue tie, Mr Happart had high hopes of a "Out" victory which he was ready to use as ammunition to relatinch once more the campaign for devolution in Belgium. "It will show that peaceful separation is possible," he explained. "If the no side wins, it will be because of money." Not to mention those pesky, spoil-sport,

Among these is the helpful entleman in my botel gift shop who for the past two days has been gathering armfuls of newspapers and magazines for my education. This is the Chinatown Holiday Inn - replete with twin pagodas perched on its façade – and my helpful friend, like

> this neighbourhood, is himself ethnic Chinese. "It was disgraceful, just disgraceful what he said," he railed this morning. "Mr Parizeau should resign. You know, we all of us have the same dream for this country; it is in our hearts and in our heads. I watched him and I felt really stunned". Mr Parizeau would have done well to have had the Chinese in Montreal on his side. They number just about 50,000, exactly the number by which

almost everyone in

of people to fill a good-sized football

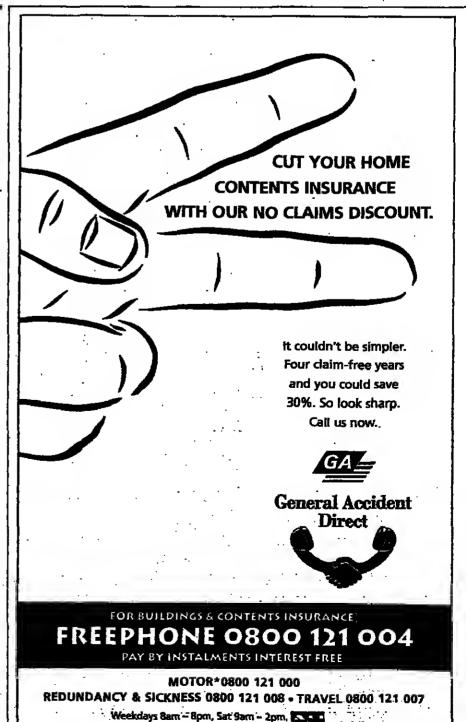
It has been a good few days in Montreal for people inclined towards fancy-dress. Even as the city voted on Monday, the most fervent of the "Out" and "Non" camps were out and about

their attire. There was Deepak Massand, who stood all day on the corner of Ste Catherine and Peel to toe in a toga made up of the federalist maple leaf and the blue fleur-de-lis of Quebec. Presumably, it kept him warm. Pacing the other side of Ste Catherine was Mario Trottier, who, as well as wearing a Frankenstein mask, brandished a cut out coffin and crucifix bearing the message "Non au S - OUI - CIDE". Peeling off the mask to speak for a moment, be explained: "I am just trying to defend myself and defend Canada". A few passers-by responded with a one-digit gesture. "Look at them, they are saying F... You," says Mario. "Well, I say ..." and he blew them a kiss. Mario and Deepak were gone from Ste Catherine yesterday, to be replaced only by the costume-ball enthusiasts of Ballowe'en. Many were looking out for the return of the walking, talking toothbrush, an

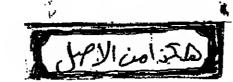
flaunting their convictions by way of

annual fixture on the pavements here on 31 October. For Canada's markets and business community, the result was the right one, if only just, and all the dark rumours of the last week can be forgotten. These included tall tales of Mr Parizeau himself arranging to have his life savings transferred to a bank in Vermont, of an American bank syndicate threatening to pull out of a loan to back up Quebec's crippling debt and of multinational companies in the province, like Air Canada and Pratt and Whitney, preparing to pull out in the event of "Oui" victory. My own interest on election day was in a certain British retailing company with a large outlet on Ste Catherine, just a block from the toga-clad Mr Massand. Its awnings already decked out for Christmas, Marks & Spencer

the Oui side fell short in the final result (roughly the number beckoned like a calm sanctuary in the electoral storm. Inside were the familiar racks of socks, underpants and pyjamas and, most importantly, shelves upon shelves of luxury Christmas puddings. St Michael, you see, has not yet penetrated my normal stamping ground, New York.



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# Orphans of a dead school

Hackney Downs school should have been closed down several years ago. If ever there was a case of a school failing its pupils, this was it. Rapid staff turnover, high levels of truancy, a dilapi-dated building, falling school rolls, poor facilities, under-achievement and low GCSE scores have spoken for too long of an institution that was dying. It takes a long time to turn around a school that has fallen this far behind; better to start afresh.

Yesterday, Gillian Shephard's "hit squad" -- Hackney Downs Education Association delivered the death blow, recommending that from next term the school should be abandoned and its teachers made redundant after two decades of decline that soured a century of academic glory.

The Education Secretary's storm troopers have done their work in decisive fashion. The closure will act as a warning to nearly 100 other schools that have also failed their school inspections. They now know that they had better huck up their performance or face a similar fate.

Yesterday's decision is also (conveniently for the Government) an indictment of Hackney's Labour-controlled council which, for the past five years, has been responsible for failing to check the school's slow demise. Its history of neglect and indecision has contributed to leaving the school beyond repair.

But after all the hig gestures and rhetoric, the question is: what about the pupils? Many of them will receive just five years' secondary education, yet for almost as long a cloud has hung over their education. Next term, all 206 remaining pupils will again be disrupted, when they move to Homerton House School,

They will bring with them many of the social problems that made life so difficult at Hackney Downs. A high proportion of the transferred pupils had already been expelled from other schools. One in three is defined as having special needs; two-thirds do not use English as a first language. A similar proportion qualify for free school meals as a result of the low incomes received by their parents. It is also hardly reassuring that Homerton House is run by the same council that made such a mess of Hackney Downs.

So we need more from Mrs Shephard than yesterday's scorched earth policy. Having correctly identified a bad institution and rightly closed it down, it is now up to the Education Secretary to make sure that replacement facilities are a marked improvement. By her actions, she has made herself responsible and will have to take the hlame if yesterday's closure announcement does not produce greater

Success for pupils.

That will require resources. As Mrs Shephard's leaked Cabinet briefing document so clearly stated in September, "insufficient resources threaten the provision of education in the state school sector". The pupils of Hackney Downs know more about this than anyone else,

A better deal for these children will also require better management than existed at Hackney Downs. It is all very well sending in inspectors to diagnose ailments in schools and even dispatching hit squads with a death sentence when an institution is too far gone. But the real test of Mrs Shephard's watch will he maintaining continuous care of the many British schools that are so obviously in trouble.

# Body Shop gets sick of the City

A nita Roddick and Richard Branson are the business heroes of a generation. They make eash with panache. Teenagers aspire to be like them. Polls show Branson a front-running candidate should Britain go republican and need a president. We all have a soft spot for them because they stand out from a business world of smooth-shaven men in suits.

Yet our heroes are decidedly disgruntled with the British stock market. Anita is rumoured to be planning to haul the Body Shop, peppermint foot lotion, warts and all, away from the City and put it back into private ownership. In 1988, after only 18 months on the Stock Exchange, Richard Branson took his company back into the private sector. Alan Sugar has tried and failed to do the same with Amstrad.

So why do they float in the first place? From the entrepreneur's point of view there are huge advantages to flogging a home-grown creation to shareholders for cash. They get ready money either for themselves or to reinvest in the business. where perhaps in the past credit was limited. Even Branson's temporary public flotation enabled him to borrow more. because his lenders had more confidence after he returned to the private sector. A flotation is a sign that the entrepreneur has made it, that others too are willing to put their money where the founder's mouth is.

But it is no bed of roses. First, the Stock Exchange requires much more frank disclosure and new shareholders want to know about future plans in order to value the shares. Not much fun for your dynamic individual who is used to calling all the shots. If a Roddick or a Branson spies a new, exciting venture, the chances are they want to sweep in and take advantage of it, without waiting for a second opinion. In part, then, this boils down to tem-

perament - Branson, Sugar and Roddick simply don't like being told what to do. And perhaps it is inevitable that the kinds of people who take risks like this will always feel uncomfortable with big financial institutions hreathing down their necks.

For to be fair to the City, the Body Shop has been a successful public company. The City found the money to permit rapid growth from a company worth £5m in 1984 to over £250m today. But recently, questions have arisen about the Body Shop's

performance, especially in the US. When Branson faced the second-guessing, he complained that the City was more interested in the kind of short-term profit growth delivered through acquisitions than the bold ventures Virgin was planning. This raises the question of whether the City is as good as it should be at backing the kind of risk that turns creative medium-sized companies into very large ones. The Bransons, Roddicks and Sugars do not fit easily into the short-term performance grids of the financial institutions that invest our pension contributions.

That is a pity, but we shouldn't cry over spilled jojoba oil. Ms Roddick will probably thrive again back in her private domain. It's hard to avoid the conclusion. however, that the City will be a somewhat

ANOTHER VIEW Clare Short

### **Don't forget Birmingham**

Deeply disappointed but not surprised.

That sums up my feelings and those of most other Birmingham people when we heard yesterday that the City has not been chosen as the site for the national stadium. We genuinely believed that we had the best bid - accessibility, innovative design, the potential for developing sport at every level in the community and above all a unique location. In fact the judging panel described Birmingham's hid as an excellent one, citing the city's proven track record of hosting major

sporting events. I understand that the reason given for turning down our high-quality hid was because the Birmingham site is in a green belt area. A public inquiry would be needed and it was felt that it was far from certain whether it would result in Birm-

ingham's favour. The National Lottery has been described as the poor paying for the pleasures of the rich. The thousands of Birmingham people who buy lottery tickets every week have so far seen little return for their cash in funds coming back to this region. My constituents in Ladywood are amongst the poorest in the country - they deserve to get some-

thing hack from the lottery. Many people in Birmingham - and indeed Sheffield and Bradford - may well ask why bother to hid at all. It is always easy to carp when you lose.

But equally Birmingham would, I

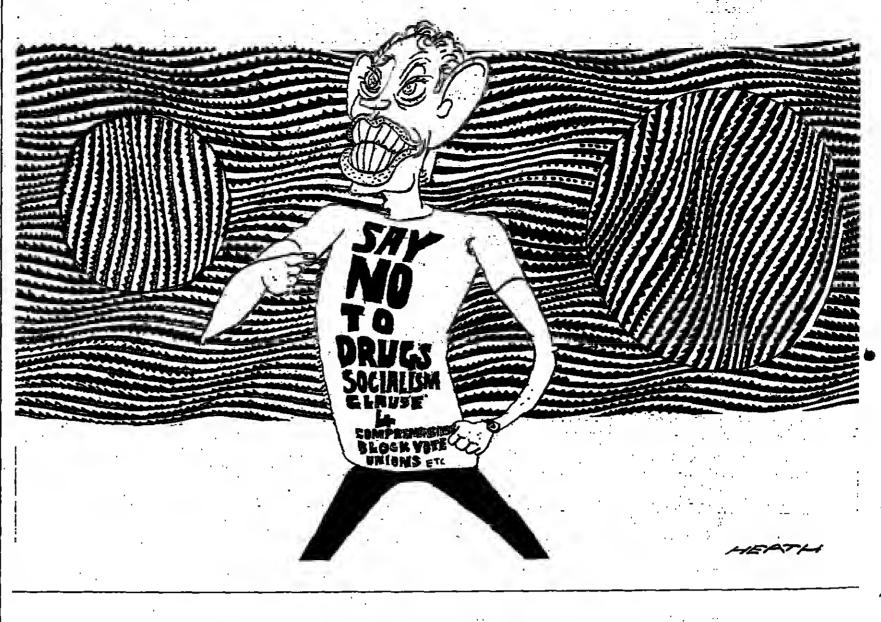
think, have been criticised if it had not made the effort to attract the stadium and the thousands of jobs it would bring to a region that has seen its traditional industries decimated over the past

My work in London means I can fully appreciate the amenities of the capital city. But as a representative from outside London I also think it is damaging for the country to see prestige projects as only possible fore the capital. This was obviously another reason for Birmingham to make the hid to be considered for the national stadium funds.

The national stadium steering group can point to the fact that they are now considering both London and Manchester further, and I wish both hids the best of luck. The important thing for our city is to keep its traditional resilience and I am sure that the city will not let this disappointment affect its determination to press ahead with its other major lottery

I hope this setback will actually strengthen the National Exhibition Centre's campaign to become the site of the Millennium Exhibition in the year 2000 and secure support for the Millennium Campus in Digbeth just south of the city centre, a major project that would create up to 11,000 jobs.

The writer is Labour MP for Burningham Ladywood and shadow Transport Secretary.



#### • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

#### Wondering out loud can cause reefer madness | Quebec's political conundrum

From Mr Robin Prior Sir: How strong and robust is our

political system when a member of the Shadow Cabinet cannot even ask a question, let alone give an opinion ("Short says sorry as Blair reads riot act", 31 Clare Short was wondering

out loud, in the most tentative terms, as to whether the question of decriminalising cannahis should be looked at. Many judges, chief constables and other commentators have done likewise. She was not making any commitment, nor advocating policy. She was certainly not saying anything new. Obviously, the view taken by Mr Blair and his spin doctors is quite different.
The rights and wrongs of the issue are clearly irrelevant to them. What they are concerned with is public opinion – looking

More alarming, perhaps, is the kind of explanation offered by various Labour MPs trying to smooth things over. "Clare is someone who, when asked a question, will give an honest answer," one MP said yesterday. What! Is dishonesty more likely to secure a post in the Shadow

Case for the Child

From Mr Tony Ward Sir: Earl Russell (Letters, 20

October) is having some difficulty

in accepting that in 1994/95 the

Child Support Agency saved tax-payers £479m that would other-

wise have been paid in social security henefits, so I must

Included within the £479m is

£199m saved in cases where a

parent with care promptly with-

draws their claim to income support within four weeks of speci-

fied agency action, or within

eight weeks if the action relates

to an investigation into the

requirement to co-operate; and

direct result of the agency

In claiming these savings, the agency applies an established

departmental principle, agreed

with the Treasury, that a saving be claimed in all cases identified, as

while some that occurred within

the four- to eight-week period

arranging maintenance.

answer the points he raised.

Support Agency

I wonder what other subjects

ity that is a liability to an MP

MPs are forbidden to talk about? Decriminalising prostitution? The long-term unemployed? The general failure of the criminal justhe Emperor's New Clothes? Yours sincerely, ROBIN PRIOR London, E8 3I October

From Mr Roger Howard Sir: The debate about the legal status of drugs is in danger of being hijacked for moral and political capital, rather than contributing to an effective response to growing drug problems.

The key issue is that the effec-

tiveness of current laws remains untested. There is clear evidence of a growing mismatch between the extent of young people's drug-use and a law that has the potential to propel them through a costly and mappropriate criminal justice system.

With drug addiction up 13 per cent in the last year alone, the effectiveness of the current balance of resources between 30 October

Cabinet then? Is openness a qual- enforcement and control (66 per cent) and treatment, care and education (less than 32 per cent) needs reconsideration. With an independent task force reviewing the effectiveness of drug treatment and care services, the time is ripe for a matching review of the effectiveness of the legal

response. Yours faithfully, ROGER HOWARD Chief Executive Standing Conference on Drug Abuse London, SE1 30 October

himself and his friends.

Perhaps we shall soon see peo-ple jailed for smoking cannabis to relieve the distressing symptoms of multiple sclerosis. This will certainly deter them. Then we will know that prison works. Yours truly.

#### due to the agency's actions, but occurred outside this period, will not be claimed. We believe that

this is likely to lead to actual savings being underestimated. From Mr Terry Dailey In practice it would of course.

be impossible to establish the real reasons for benefit ceasing in individual cases, as those involved in abuse of the benefit system are hardly going to admit it. I can also assure Earl Russell,

that the agency does not claim a saving in benefit for maintenance that is disregarded in assessing entitlement to Family Credit. Overall, the CSA is proving to

he a very cost-effective operation. During its first three years, if it achieves this year's target, the agency will have collected or arranged more than £500m in £24m saved in cases in which the maintenance, and will also have saved the taxpayer £1.4ho in parent with care ceased to receive income support as a reduced social security expenditure. This will compare with the total three-year operating costs of running the child mainteoance system of around

Yours faithfully, TONY WARD Director of Operations Child Support Agency might not be attributable to the London, SW1 CSA, other savings which are 25 October

#### UN responsibility

From Mr Farrukh Hyder Sir: Everyone should be held accountable for not doing a job properly. In daily life, failure to perform ooc's duties can often lead to the sack.

By a similar token, what can we expect from the UN following the revelation that Lieutenant-General Bernard Janvier repeatedly Yours, refused to give air support to UN FARRUKH HYDER troops at the time of Srebrenica's London, SW16 fall (front page, 30 October)? 31 October

Bearing io mind that \$,000 peo-ple died in Srehrenica, will the failure to protect this "safe area" be simply put down to the Western governments' unwillingness to act? And should those of us with a moral conscience allow the politicians off the book and simply turn our hacks on the wives and daughters and mothers of the 8000 who died?

#### Marital tips

From Ms Linda Hepburn Sir: Emma Tennant's advice ("Dear Darcy and Elizabeth". 30 October) is amusing but superfluous. In Chapter 61, Jane Austen tells her readers something about life after the wed- Chatham, Kent

dings. For example, Elizabeth does tease her husband and Georgina experiences "an astonishment bordering on alarm at her lively, sportive manner of talking to her brother". Yours faithfully, LINDA HEPBURN

#### istrative and cultured autonomy, particularly in Scotland, Wales

Sir. Michael Howard may have been very satisfied to hear that David Steel's son was imprisoned for nine months for growing some cannabis plants for

#### Challenge of Antarctica

Sir: Charles Arthur has obviously not understood the role the Internet is playing in Roger Mear's

attempt to he the first person to walk across Antarctica alone and without support ("Crossing the Antarctic with a herd of nerds", 28 October). This epic journey may leave Mr

Arthur cold, but but he should not regard his lack of interest as being typical. Thousands of people around the world are captivated by the race between Roger and the Norwegian Borge Ousland, who sets off a few days later with the same objective. As a result, there is enormous media interest in the race and it is for this reason that we are using the Internet to relay news of the two men's progress. Mr Arthur asks:

If any spotty, overweight nerd can watch one man's battle against nature from the keyboard in the from room, can we really say that Roger Mear is in the wilderness?

Of course he is. His challenge is as great today as Captain Scott's was in 1912. Whether you follow the progress of these brave men by reading a newspaper, watching a television or by accessing information held on a computer, in no way compromises or lessens their achievements. Yours faithfully, TERRY DAILEY

Co-ordinator Solo Antarctica Teddington, Middlesex 30 October

#### Mobile hazards

From Mr Paul Schooling Sir. In your article "Car phones may affect brakes and steering" (30 October), it was nowhere stated, or even hinted, that driving while using a hands on portable phone is reckoned by the police to be dangerous - although not explicitly banned by any statute. Now, even more so, apparently. Yours faithfully, PAUL SCHOOLING

From Mr Simon Partridge Sir: It is clear from Alex Salmond's views on the referendum in Quebec (Another View; "Choose wisely, Quehec", 30 October) that he misunderstands the nature of the British state,

First, it is not a nation-state, it is a multi-national state and has been ever since the Act of Union with the Welsh in 1536. It would be more accurate to describe the present UK as a "unified parliamentary state" which nonetheless recognises considerable adminand Northern Ireland. It is ridiculous for Mr Salmond to describe Scotland as "powerless" when it has its own legal, educational, arts and broadcasting systems, including specific arrangements for

Second, whatever else the British state might be, it is not locked into the 19th century. As 30 October historians of nationalism such as shown, the idea of the "small country", and the associated principle of national self-determination, only rose to prominence in the latter part of the 19th century, and might be said to have ended in Europe in 1951 when the Treaty of Paris established the European Coal and Steel Community, the forerunner

of today's European Union. It is true that the further development of the EU towards monetary and political integration poses difficult questions of readjustment for all its member states, whether mono- or multi-national. But a little reflection shows that the "Europe of small countries", which the Scottish National Party advocates, cannot be a solution to the conundrum, for the simple reason that several of the nations are intrinsically large, for exam-

ple the French and the English. To create viable political formations for the next miliennium, we now need to move beyond the late 19th and early 20th century "principle of nationality to create accountable institutions that are. at once, larger than existing large states and smaller than small nations (whether states or not).

Given the global moves towards ever increasing urbanisation, we should probably be thinking of continent-wide confederations based primarily round cities and their attendant hinterlands. What has been called, in shorthand, the "city region solu-tion" - in which, no doubt, Glasgow, Edinhurgh, Dundee and Aberdeen would play their full part within a wider British Isles and European setting. Yours faithfully,

SIMON PARTRIDGE London, N2

From Mr Conrad Black Sir: It was outrageous and irresponsible for you to lead your readers to believe that I would have voted for the secession of Quebec from Canada had I had a vote in Quebec's referendum yesterday (report, 31 October). You spliced a quote from a speech I gave at the University of Alberta last week in which I made it clear that I was strenuously opposed to the secession of Quebec hul feli that, if it occurred, interesting possibilities would be opened up for English-speaking Canada ax well. No honest reading of niv remarks would justify your interpretation of it.

Sincerely, CONRAD BLACK Chairman The Telegraph London, E14 31 October

#### Ms Greer and the virginal student

From Mr Chris Whiffin Sir: Thank you Germaine Greer

("Young, free, virginal and oot a dork". 27 October) for making me realise that I am not alone. In a world increasingly dominated by sex, I always feel slightly isolated in not leading a life centred around the subject. For a tecnager, it is difficult to judge what role sex plays in adult lives, but our culture seems to propagate the image that everyone is dom-

inated by it.

This is further amplified by television and books. Romance is central to Jane Austen's books unless you are, like Mary Bennet, a dork (which I like to believe I am not). Modern television programmes about teenagers, like Byker Grove and Hollyoaks, further exacerbate this image.

Although I am not an identikit of the student in Germaine Greer's article, there are a number of similarities. I spend much of my spare time with my close friends and the issue of sex, especially as we grow further away from puberty, is not central, although it is occasionally mentioned. Some of my friends are interested in the opposite sex,

want stable relationships, not the one-off gratifications that seem to dominate much of society. Others, though, are not concerned with sexual conquests at present. hut marriage as a future possibility is not ruled out. Yours faithfully, CHRIS WHIFFIN Heavitree, Devon 28 October

From Mr Andrew Buck Sir. I have been unable to ston laughing ever since I read Ger. maine Greer's column last Friday I cannot get out of my head the vision of a panic-stricken, newly qualified, young and gauche physician, totally unprepared by any of his teachers in the clinical art of dealing with a sex-mad Australian quizzing him about whether he wears a condom. when he does it, how often he does it, and so on and so lorth. Worse, the poor sod was locked in a speeding motor-car with his questioner all the way to Cambridge. God, what a nightmare! Mind you, from the account. thought be managed very well in

the end. Yours sincerely. ANDREW BUCK Halifax 28 October

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hut, as her article suggests, they

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# Sorry Reynard, it's a human right to hunt Ode to mud and

Foxes may see Tony Blair as a friend, but Labour is in danger of trespassing on a traditional freedom

Tally he! Yoicks and jorrocks!

Inday sees the opening of the himming season. The sabs are dusting down their anoraks, the hunters their pants, as a new round of bloody confrontation begins. Both sides had belfer get the most fun out of it they can, for this could be one of the last hunting seasons ever.
As the hounds' breath steams in the

beist autumn air and the MFH drains his stirrup cup, unspeakable old England is on the hoof again, galloping across the country, in the scenes that grace the plastic table-mats of a thousand country pubs. Some 20,000 foxes whicher it is pity for the foxes or class of the public tell pollsters that they want it banned, and so does Labour. 35 The British Field Sports Society effers a heap of statistics in support of their bloody pleasures: more than 30,000 are employed in huntingrelated work, and would lose their jobs; 75 per cent of farmers would instruct (why they have a right to instruct I don't know their MP to vote against any change in hunting laws; more people than ever take part in hunting, 250,000 last year; direct expenditure on blood sports (sorry, country sports, like country-fresh eggs) exceeds £1.4bn, though this is a weasel figure as it includes fishing. The countryside is conserved, with copses, spin-neys and hedgerows created expressly for covers and jumps. Traditional farriers, saddlers and harness-makers are kept in business. Somewhat spuriously, they claim all this ritual is in aid of pest control.

Against them is the newly invigorated 70-year-old League Against Cruel Sports, which now sees its prey within millimetres of its slavering jaws. A Private Members' Bill to han hunting and other cruclly was introduced by the Labour MP John McFall, (who also attempted to deliver a petition to Downing Street dressed as a fox, but was barred "in order to maintain the dignity of the street and its surroundings"). As the Bill proceeded, £750,000 of anti-hunting advertising paid for hy a host of animal charities, deluged the press. MPs each received hundreds of pro-forma letters from constituents (most were duplicated

The Bill was in committee yesterday. Without government time it will fail, hut it has concentrated the minds of both sides as the prospect of a Labour government draws nearer.

A new group of Labour-supporting hunters, Leave Country Sports Alone, headed by Baroness Mallalieu and John and Penny Mortimer, inserted a controversial pro-hunting leaflet into last December's Labour Party News, which caused an outcry, Banning hunting has adorned every Labour manifesto sinee 1979. Tony Blair sent out a host of letters answered in his name in response to angry Labour Party members: "Mr Blair was not consulted in advance about the insertion of this particular leaflet and as a conscquence of this, he has ordered a review of the procedures ... The position of the Labour Party on this issue is firm. A Lahour government will make parliamentary time available for a free vote on the abolition of fox- yourself. Personally, 1 am no more



We are less cruel to foxes over their lifetime than we are to chickens

hunting, deer-hunting and hare-cours-ing with dogs. Tony Blair's position is that he is opposed to these forms of hunting and he would vote for their

Polls of MPs indicate that on a free vote the House of Commons would ban hunting by a narrow majority. If Labour wins the next election, many more anti-hunters will be returned. Good people of the left have always

been anti-hunting, anti-hanging and anti-harassing gays (as if these things had anything in common), along with anti-hoxing and pro-cannahis. These are the bonding issues that blood the membership of the bien pensant, all of them involving fundamental questions of rights in a society with no Bill of Rights. But rights also involve giving rights to people to do things you do not like, and would not want to do

ticket for a folk-dancing festival or a wrestling match. But I have no wish to stop other people enjoying these eurious pursuits. I am not consumed with class hatred of the hunters, nor am I particularly shocked by humans engaging in blood lust as a sport. I feel no greater pity for foxes than for the mil-lions of battery chickens we eat every day, whose life is undoubtedly worse. And I would miss the hreathtaking speciacle of the hunt chasing across the skyline.

Rights, say the animal lobbyists? What about the rights of foxes? But animals have no rights. Rights are human attributes, linked to responsihilities, derived from social contracts between fellow human beings. Rights only exist where there is a two-way moral obligation. (Some huntsmen absurdly point to the fox's sadistic pleasure in profligately killing scores of lambs or fowl for fun, as if this "immorality" were a justification for humans killing foxes for sport. But this is a very silly anthropomorphic argu-ment, since nothing a fox does is either good or bad; he is neither an

innocent" victim nor a "guilty" killer.) We have some obligation as moral beings not to be gratuitously cruel to animals. Personally, t don't much like the killing of foxes, but since I think we are less cruel to foxes over their lifetime than we are to chickens, or most farm animals that end up in abattoirs, only vegans have a coherent position on hunting. On a points sys-Iem of cruetty, taken over a whole lifetime, we are probably far crueller to farm animals than foxes, despite their

likely in ride to hounds than to buy a bloody end. The fact that foxes are inedible makes no difference, since we only eat meat for pleasure - lentils and pulses will do just as well or better. Presumably, new Labour is not going to ban meat.

No, it is not the hunting that Labour would ban, hut the huntspersons. They want to remove the right of a certain upper class of person to enjoy themselves. For instance, they would allow packs of hounds on foot in upland areas to flush out foxes for (humble) farmers to shoot as pest control, hut not (posh) hunting on horseback.

What other social groups who engage in arguably inhumane methods animal slaughter would Labour dare to ban? We know they have reasssured the millions of anglers with a ridiculous Charter for Anglers. But what about kosher butchers? Or halal meal merchants? They wouldn't dare, and anyway it wouldn't be such fun. Labour can reverently invoke the hallowed right of people to practise their religion. But for non-believers, or indeed animals, human religion mer-its no more respect than the right 10 enjoy sport. Sport certainly inspires as much passion: read Surtees and Sassoon for obsessional enthusiasm.

If Labour were to make hunting a criminal offence, it would trespass on the rights of a small, if eccentric bunch of people. It would also signify something sinister at the heart of new Labour that ought to send out sharp warning signals; either it displays an authoritarian mentality that doesn't understand rights, or it betrays a deep cynicism in wooing the animal rights

wholly inappropriate for the Tate

Gallery to have considered housing this part of its collection in another part of the UK. As it is, the choice

of the Bankside power station and the inspired commissioning of Her-

zog and de Mueron as architects will,

I hope, have a similar effect on a currently neglected part of the capital

as the Pompidou Centre had on

The scheme is an amhitious one,

hut it is also long overdue. The

sity, and the award from the Millen-

nium Commission provides the means to lis success. When the

museum finally opens, it will enrich

A museum of modern

art for London is

not a luxury,

it is a necessity

the lives of everyone who visits it.

regardless of where they live. It will provide the country with a proper

venue for the understanding of many

of the major cultural and political events of the 20th century: a cultural, educational and democratic forum

Making our art and sporting venues accessible to all is a vital con-

sideration. To the accusations of

élitism, I would point to the Royal

Opera's search for sponsors of its prom seasons; to the Sadler's Wells Theatre's reputation as an exciting and populist modern dance venue; to

the enthusiasm with which the Globe

Theatre wants to promote live per-formance. London's centres of excel-

lence also provide the training ground

for many people who then go on to

share their expertise in other parts of

the country.

It may be the ultimate irony that public subsidy - in the form of lottery

funding - finally succeeds where beloved market forces so miserably

failed: the regeneration of the Dock-lands. If it takes lottery money to

ensure that London welcomes in the

next millennium as a world class city

with world class facilities, then so be

it. Many of the capital's museums, gal-leries, theatres and sporting arena are

in urgent need of modernisation. If

they fall into irrevocable disrepair, we

will all suffer as the creative and

sporting talent in this country follows

the money, the tourists and the busi-

Beaubourg in Paris.

# sodden bonfires

A recent study showed that if John Keats had lived his short lifespan today, training under modern NHS conditions, he would never have had time to write any poetry at

Actually, there never was any such study. I made that up. But it doesn't undercut my hasic point, which is that loday's junior hospital doctors don't have time to produce great poetry. I challenge you to name one junior hospital doctor currently writing great poetry, especially one suffering from a lung condition who is scheduled to die at the age of 27. Nobody? I think That proves my point.

Anyway, there is nothing wrong in making things up. Keats did it all the time. Remember what he said

about autumn? All about the

season of mists and mellow fruitfulness? Conspiring with the sun "how to load and bless/With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run." Baloney! If you did a study on what autumn is like, you would have established one thing at least: autumn is rarely like that. Keats should have got out a bit more! Autumn is all about mud, and damp, and sodden bonfires that won't get started on 5 November, and cars that won't get started in the morning, and children who lie abed until nearly schooltime, and the evenings fair drawing in, and forgetting to give the lawn its last cut and forgetting to put

OK, I give you mists. There are mists around in the autumn. Keats got one thing right. But mellow fruitfulness? Conspiring to load the vines? Not in a hundred years!

the lawn mower in for its win-

ter overhaul,

My neighbour has a vine that grows picturesquely over her wall (no thatch-eaves) and into my front yard, and right now it is loaded with grapes which she never comes round to pick. Do you know why she doesn't? (And why I do not nick any of them as they dangle temptingly by my car door?) Because she knows (and I know) that they will be inedible. Grapes grown outdoors in England go straight from the interesting baby stage to the toothless granny stage II any altra in between, unless they are growing indoors or in vineyards, and even then the Outcome is not particularly hopeful. Nothing mellow or fruitful

about them, I fear. I think I heard this line ahout mellow fruitfulness being quoted on Radio 4's Today programme yesterday, were true, and I think I also heard someone say that a thing of beauty is a joy forever. Another famous line from Keats. It is also another

untruth. There are very, very few things which remain beautiful. The only constant rule is that people's ideas of beauty change. If Keats had written that a thing of beauty is a joy for 50 years, or maybe 100, or - in the case of actresses and supermodels - about seven years, it would be much nearer the truth.

Unfortunately, it wouldn't be poetry. Poetry is concerned a lot with feelings and heauty. It isn't concerned much with the truth.

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I have a lingering feeling that HL Mencken may have been right on this matter. HL Mencken was of the opinion that poetry and the truth were opposed to each other, and that a lot of what sounded true when written poetically clearly turned out to be bunkum when wrillen out in the superior medium of prose. The two examples he gave, as I remem-

God's in his heaven,



MILES KINGTON

All's well with the world

I am the master of my fate I am the captain of my soul. They both have a good ring, he said, hut if you think about either statement for five seconds you can see it is the

denial of the truth. The trouble is that poetry is a young man's game, and most poetry is written by young people short of 30, so it contains young men's ideas, that is

to say, no very great ideas at all, only some delightful sounds, "Poetry", said Mencken, succumbing to the temptation to define it, "is a comforting piece of fiction set to more or less lascivious music." Wait till people grow up a bit and get out of poetry into something grown-up like prose, that was

his feeling.
"I have been told," wrote Mencken, "that the average Authorised Version of the Bible was beyond 60 years. Had they been under 30 they would have made it lyrical; as

it was, they made it colossal."
I have just remembered that I set out today to examine why John Keais, although medically trained, is always referred to as John Keats and not Dr Keats, whereas Ian Paisley, who seems trained for nothing in particular, calls himself Dr Paisley. Tomorrow, I

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## Critics who complain that the capital gets too much lottery money are wrong, says Terence Conran

# London deserves to get lucky

A gainst significant odds, London remains a world-class city. Unlike New York or Paris or Sydney indeed, unlike Manchester or Edinburgh or Bristol - it has no co-ordinated governing body. Emasculated by its lack of leadership, London strug-gles to initiate new schemes that will keep it at the forefront of world culture. This is a battle that the UK, as well as London, has to win - a point that is lost on the carpers who complain that London has received more Intervers

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As the capital city, London is the focus of attention from other countries around the world. It is the centre not just of national government,

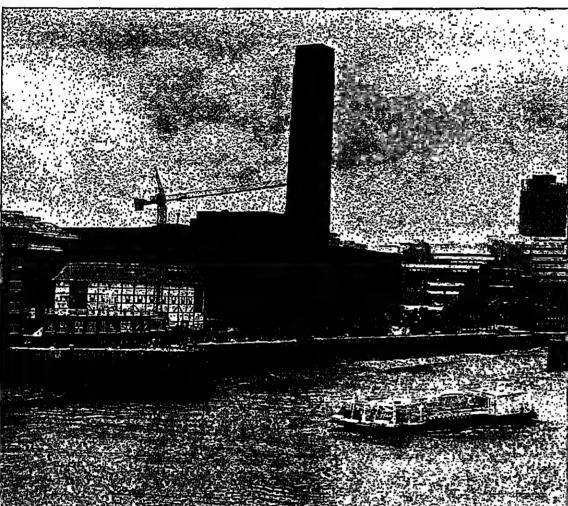
#### Our capital city has to be as good as possible, for the enrichment of all our lives

but of finance, the arts and entertainment. The capital's reputation as a centre of excellence for its sporting facilities, its huilt heritage and the performing and visual arts is vital for the success with which it attracts both visitors and husinesses from overseas. Once here, the money spent by these tourists and invested by these businesses benefits the country as a whole: by the tourists who visit other parts of the country, and by the jobs created by overseas companies, whose employees will not restrict their spending to the capital. If London fails, I believe the whole coun-

A significant reason, I would argue, why Frankfurt seems to have lost its bid to become the financial centre of Europe is that the city is so dreary that nobody really wants to work there. Imagine the fate of the country as a whole were London to hecome so bleak that major financial institutions relocated. And make no mistake, they wouldn't relocate to another part of the UK; il would be to Paris or to Berlin or to New York.

So, if London gets it wrong, there is not much hope for the rest of the country. Our capital city has to be as good as it possibly can be, for the enrichment – both literally and figuratively – of all our lives.

The National Lottery gives me cause for anxiety on a number of fronts. As a permicious and insidious tax levied disproportionately on the poor to subsidise the leisure activities



of the rich - which is how the distribution thus far has been popularly received - it is a massive con trick. Following the fiasco of the Churchill papers, one might have expected the distributors to act more sensitively than to announce a £55m award to the Royal Opera House. It was, as the Daily Mirror headline screamed, just "too too much". But it's the timing I take issue with - not the award. I am equally dismayed that the five

distributing bodies overseee what the Government terms "good causes", as if our heritage, the arts and sport were not central to the quality of all our lives. Funds curquanty or an our rives. Funds currently exceed the projected figures; but what happens in the future if they start falling off? The Government seems quite intent on using lottery moncy to release it from the necessity of adequate funding.

However, the money exists, and it

is essential to see that it is spent wisely. As such, I don't believe that the awards made to London are inappropriate. As we approach the millennium, one of the most exciting and long-overdue developments seems to be under way: the regeneration of London south of the Thames.

Southwark Council does not enjoy the rosiest of relationships with the press. It presides over a borough in which unemployment runs at about 25 per cent and which includes areas of appalling dereliction and neglect. Yel the council has been fundamental in pushing for - and winning -blds for lottery funding for the Globe Theatre (£12.4m), the Tale Museum of Modern Art on Bankside (£50m) and a temporary home for the Royal Opera (not to mention a small chefs' training school in Butlers Wharf). Taken alone, these projects will gen- long we have been without a erate employment and raise the pro-

file of the south bank of the Thames. But there will, I hope and believe, be a ripple effect that leads to the regeneration of areas beyond the riverside. If funding is given to the Richard Rogers scheme to enclose the South Bank Centre in glass, we will finally begin to redress the current imbalance between London north and south of the Thames.

Cities such as Birmingham, Liv-erpool and Glasgow serve as regional centres of excellence. But they are never going to overtake London in terms of international reputation. If London does not continue to be the focus of cultural excellence, the country as a whole will suffer. That London maintained a reputation for being the home of some of the best art collections in the world is extraordinary given how museum of modern art. It would be nesses to other shores.

by Tony Reeve and Steve Way





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# Lloyd's names win legal victory

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#### Eurotunnel fails in £2.6bn claim

Eurotunnel has failed in a £2.6bn claim against the British and French railways for delays and extra costs imposed on the tunnel operators by the train companies. The International Chamher of Commerce, which acted as arbitrator in the case, dismissed a call by Eurotunnel for a renegotiation of its 1987 contract with SNCF and British Rail. Eurotunnel wanted a 55 per cent increase in annual payments from the rail operators plus a payment of Fr3bn, or alternatively a one-off payment of Fr20bn

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The company said it was disappointed, but added that the decision did not affect its other claims against TransManche Link, the tunnel builder, and against the British and French governments. The ICC agreed to look further into a smaller claim by Eurotunnel for compensation for late entry into service of the Eurostar trains belonging to the rail companies.

#### Dollar and bonds weather US pick-up

The dollar and US bonds took the latest US data in their stride. The Chicago Purchasing Managers' index of manufacturing rose from 49 to 53.4 in October, signalling that manufacturing was picking up. However, the markets focused on the weakening in the employment component. New homes sales rose 3 per cent last month to an annual rate of 727,000 from a revised 704,000 in August. This was the fourth consecutive month in which the annual sales rate exceeded 700,000. However, the Conference Board reported that consumer confidence retreated to 97 in October, lower than expected in the markets, from a revised 97.3

#### £125m value put on Vero Group

Vero Group, a £33m management buyout last year from cables group BICC, will be valued at around £125m when it comes to the stock market this month. Today's prospectus is expected to show that six founder directors, led by managing director Brian Gay, will end up with a stake worth around £10m and, along with 36 other senior management, are set to raise roughly £3m in cash. Shares in the group, a maker of cabinets and racks for the electronics industry, are expected to be priced at between 200p and 225p, suggesting a prospective price/earnings ratio of 16.8 with underlying pre-tax profits forecast at £11.1m for this year. Investment Column, page 22

#### Vernons gives 150 more the boot

A further 150 jobs are being lost at Vernons, the football pools company owned by Ladbroke. The company again blames the job cuts, which follow 125 made earlier this year, on the loss of husiness caused by the National Lottery. The latest redundancies include 75 people at N&B Direct, its printing works, which

#### Nintendo approach 'garbage', says BCE

Computer game developer BCE Holdings dismised as "garbage" weekend suggestions that it had received a takeover bid from the Japanese games giant, Nintendo, Managing director Robin Jones said: "Nintendo have never bought a developer and I don't

#### Norcros loses on disposals

Building group Norcros said it will make an £11.6m loss on the disposal of Norcros Windows, Crittall Windows and ED HinchJOHN EISENHAMMER Financial Editor

Loss-making Lloyd's names were celebrating a landmark High Court victory against auditors yesterday which could produce massive damages

The judgment also boosted the prospects of an overall solution to the troubles at Lloyd's of London by dramatically increasing the pressure on auditors to make a substantial contribution to the global settlement to the names in exchange for them dropping all litigation against the market.

John Mays, chairman of Merrett syndicate 418 names' action group said he expected the bestos and pollution policies in dence and serious reservations

is a stunning victory. If we had written the judgment ourselves we could not have done it better." he said. Syndicate members include such well known nersonalities as Rocco Forte, Major Ronald Ferguson, father of the Duchess of York, Adam Faith, the former pop

Ernst & Whinney, now part of Ernst & Young, was found to have been negligent in auditing the Merrett syndicate 418 during three years in the early Eighties. Merrett is the first hig Lloyd's case to involve auditors as well as the controversial as-

damages to total £300m. "This the US, which, because of ret- about his approach as underrospective legislation, began in the late Seventies to land names with ruinous losses.

Mr Justice Creswell found all four defendants, Stephen Merrett himself, the Merrett company, the managing agents and the auditors, guilty of negligence in failing to take proper account star, Sir Nicholas Lyell, the At- of the risks inherent in these US torney General and Ted Dexter, pollution and asbestos liabilities. Mr Merrett, a former deputy chairman of Lloyd's and longserving member of the society's council, was also found to have deliberately concealed signifi-

cant information from names. The judge said he had "serious reservations about many aspects of Mr Merrett's evi-

writer", adding that Merrett accounts for 1982 contained "a mixture of truth, half-truths and falsehood".

Mr Mays said: "This is devastating criticism of Merrett, and in criticising him the judge is criticising the entire old guard at Lloyd's of which Merrett was an integral part."

The judge's findings of deceipt and cover-ups by such a formerly eminent member of Lloyd's are expected to fuel efforts by US lawyers, in particular, to seek damages from the insurance market.

Rejecting names' claims for the three preceding years, Mr Justice Creswell found that there had been negligence in the

1984. He found the Merrett syndicate to have been negligent on 11 counts when it took on the re-insurance of other syndicates' US pollution and asbestos liahilities.

These were hig policies and Mr Merrett was in effect taking a bet against the market that the liabilities would turn out to be less than supposed. In the event, with inadequate cover of its own. they brought ruin to

The auditors were criticised for not getting the additional in-formation that should have per-suaded them to withhold their unconditional approval for these years' accounts. Instead,

underwriting and auditing of the insurance years 1982, 1983 and lowed to "close" these years, implying that it was certain it had sufficient coverage for all potential losses, and allowing it to recruit unsuspecting new names who suddenly found themselves

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liable for huge losses. Ernst & Young yesterday said it would probably appeal. and stressed that the Merrett judgment, becuase of its particular circumstances, had no implications for other Lloyd's cases the auditor faces. Nick Land, senior partner at Ernst. said names' estimates of their potential damages were exaggerated, should an appeal fail. "Any reasonable asser likely to put our contribution be-

Private plans: Analysts confused over Anita and Gordon Roddick's reported move to regain control

# **Body Shop** admits talks on buy-back

NIGEL COPE

Body Shop International, the environmentally conscious retail group, admitted last night that it has held talks with founders Anita and Gordon Roddick over a plan by them to take the company back into private ownership.

However, the board said the Roddicks had made it clear that no such proposal by them is expected to he made in the near future, if at all.

One retail analyst said last night: "It's a hit of a mess. It seems the Roddicks have expressed an interest and then hacked off." The Roddicks, who own 24 per cent of the group, were believed to be in advanced talks with hankers to raise funds for a hid that would give them hack control. The move would have created a company able to make more donations to charitable causes.

Morgan Stanley, the investment bank which is advising the Roddicks, declined to comment yesterday. However, it is understood that the Roddicks were prepared to offer less than 200p compared with yesterday's closing price of 156p. up 21p. An offer at 175p would alue the company at £332m.

The offer was due to be launched two weeks ago along with the company's interim results but was delayed by problems raising sufficient funding. Body Shop issued a statement

yesterday saying it had not re-ceived a proposal from the Roddicks to take the company private. It said the Roddicks had advised the board that no such proposal by them is expected to made in the future, if at all.

sions on a share huy-back had taken place. The company's handling of the Roddick proposal met with an angry reaction in the City, which criticised the group for

failing to supply investors with sufficient information. One institutional investor said: "It is not very satisfactory and we are not very happy. We have so far heard nothing from the company but are ex-pecting to be contacted today. have sufficient information to

make an informed judgement."
The speculation also surprised City analysts, who felt that Body Shop was adapting to appointed new non-executive for the group. It has been ex-

Amstrad (Alan Sugar) Chrysalis Records (Chris Wright) Telegraph Group (Corrad Black) Body Shop (Anita Roddick)



We do not feel shareholders Share recycling: Arita Roddick and her husband Gordon were believed to be in edvanced bid talks with bankers

directors and made other management changes.

The speculation over the future ownership of the compalife as a public company. It has ny comes at an awkward time

nounced a 26 per cent drop in profits to £9m in the six months to August. The US husiness

periencing difficult trading in the US due to fierce competi-

Crest well

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Two and a half years after the

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go live on 15 July next year.

JOHN WILLCOCK

Financial Correspondent

Buy-back price 140p in 1988: Ploat price 140p in 1986. Branson claimed City undervolved the company Reefly Useful Group (Andrew Lloyd-Webber) Buy-back price 233p m 1990 - more than double 1986 float price

Buy-back price 30p in 1992. Price now 291.5p Buy back felled. Sold to Thorn-EMI for £63rn in 1991 Buy-back price 480p in 1995. Price now 411p

Estimated buy-back price 200p. Price now 156p Buy-back price not decided. Current price 177p

tion. Last month Body Shop an-Nat West Securities, said: "If this time next year the American business is still causing problems then this could mean store closures and write-offs. That would make 175p appear quite a good offer. But if the performance there does not improve then it might look cheap.

nounced plans to return to the private sector yesterday. Le market. Creuset, the manufacturer of upmarket saucepans, said the chairman, Paul van Zuydam, was seeking funding to buy out the interest of minority share-

holders. Mr van Zuydam alslumped into a £2.4m loss. John Richards. stores analyst ready controls 74 per cent of the Explaining its decision the

company said it did not feel it had derived any benefits from its USM listing since 1989. With the USM set to disappear by the end of next year, the board had decided its interest would not he hest served by moving up to Two other companies also an- the main market or by listing on

> Frank G Gates, the car dealership, said it was considering returning the company to private control.

Water: Link-up confirmed as watchdog attacks pipe plans

# Thames douses talk of London Electricity buy

Industrial Correspondent

Thames Water yesterday confirmed plans for cost-saving co-operation with London Elec tricity hut put paid to long-running speculation that the companies plan to merge.

Mike Hoffman, chief executive, said a takeover of London would not be in the interests of shareholders and had not been contemplated "in any depth". In a high-profile kick-off to

the water sector's reporting season. Thames also rejected calls by the watchdog, Ofwat, to commit to sharing between customers and shareholders any efficiency gains over and above those assumed when price con-

trols are set.
Mr Hoffman said regulators
"should not get involved" in the
dividend plans of the compa-

nies. David Luffrum, group fi-nance director, said: "We do intend to outperform the assumptions made and on the whole we believe that those benefits will be shared with customers. We do not intend to get locked into a mechanism or for-mula that shares our outperformance with customers."

He was speaking as Thames announced a 12 per cent in-crease in the interim dividend to 9.2p and predicted a similar rate of improvement for the full year. Pre-tax profits rose by 10 per cent to £165m in the six months to 30 September and earnings per share grew by 7 per

Thames shares rose op to 427p while those in London Electricity fell by 18p to 902p.
Ofwat said it was "very disappointed" at Thames's attitude. A spokeswoman for the

high and they have made no commitment to benefit-sharing with the customer. We have also asked them to explain fully to customers the basis on which the dividend payout is made and we will continue to put pressure on the companies on both those fronts."

Mr Hoffman said the "highlevet" discussions with London Electricity covered areas including customer services and meter-reading. Many of the potential benfits were "information technology-related and will not come overnight".

Mr Hoffman said Thames

plans had hegun to bear fruit and that the international business should be making a profit within about two years. It has large projects in Turkey, Malaysia, Thailand and China.

# Water's overseas expansion

# Byatt warns on leakage costs

Industrial Correspondent

Ian Byatt, the water industry watchdog, attacked proposals for mandatory targets for cutting leakage from water pipes, saying that customers could end up paying. He warned that new legal ohligations on companies could force the regulator to take the costs into account in setting the industry's price controls.

The plans for legal ohligations on water leakage are set out in a Bill introduced yesterday by Helen Jackson. Labour MP for Sheffield Hillsborough. Mr Byatt, who has been backing widespread pressure for increased spending on leaks at the expense of the companies, said: "This Bill could have the effect of making customers pay."

He also pointed out that leakage was hard to measure accurately and had to be estimated by the industry. Mr Byatt believes that a legal crackdown on leaks would "create incentives to distort" the figures reported by the sector. The problem of leakage -

which in parts of the country is about 25 per cent - was highlighted during water shortages hrought on hy the recent drought. The industry has already agreed to try to reduce leakage to about 15 per cent,

which could cost an estimated

Mr Byatt said: "Companies should set themselves demanding targets and bear the costs of leakage reduction. If they fail to make progress, and where domestic supplies are withdrawn or interrupted during hot weather, then, as the Bill suggests, companies should pay a suitably high level of compensation to their customers. This would be a powerful incentive on companies to reduce

leakage." The watchdog also criticised the Bill for failing to recognise the role that metering could play in cutting use of water in hosepipes and sprinklers.

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Crest said yesterday.
The London Stock Exchange was forced to scrap Taurus at an estimated cost to the City of more than £400m after disastrous delays and cost over-runs, and development of a replacement was subsequently handed

to the Bank of England. Peter Rawlins, the Exchange's chief executive at the time, was forced to resign over the Taurus debacle. He later claimed he had foreseen the problems with the system.

Yesterday the Bank executive put in charge of CrestCo, Iain Saville, said: "We have always promised the market that Crest will be inaugurated in the third quarter of 1996.

"I am delighted that we can now give the market a firm date at the beginning of the third quarter. The project remains, as it always has been, on time and

on budget."

Under Crest, paper share certificates used in the current Talisman system will be "dematerialised" - that is, replaced by an electronic system using rolling settlement rather than the traditional account

The Bank of England set up CrestCo to design and build the system over a three-year period. CrestCo has spent £12m so far and has 69 shareholders.

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Many privately owned companies in Britain are tempted on to the stock market only to find the harsh glare of the City an uncomfortable

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#### Roddick loses stomach for perils of the public has Mrs Roddick's quintessentially feminine | The stock market is no prerequisite to suc-To the extent that the hid does have good | 1992 and 1993. However, that conclusion

nability to cope with the disciplines of a stock market quote seems to be a condition common to entrepreneurs of the temperamental, artistic, bolshie and obstinate variety. In no particular order those who have gone public only to regret it and attempt with varying degrees of success - to take their companies private again include Richard Branson, Conrad Black, Maurice Saatchi, Alan Sugar and Andrew Lloyd Wehber. To the genre of stock market mislits must now he added Anita Roddick, who seems finally to have had enough of those she has long

liked to call "merchant wankers".

The Body Shop has been a fahulous investment for those who bought at the time of the float eleven years ago, but of tate both the company and its share price have lost their lustre. For a company that prides itself on such a neat, freshly-scrubbed image, it is looking a hit of a mess. It is as if a bottle of brightly coloured jojoba cream has suddenly crolleded in its feet. exploded in its face.

Though the company is stubbornly denying that Anita and Gordon Roddick have made any formal offer to buy the company back, it is clear that such a proposal did get at least some way down the line and may be revived. Bankers had been hired and a potential huyback price arrived at. That the couple should consider such a proposal is not surprising. Body Shop's 11 years as a quoted company has not been entirely harmonious. Price earnings ratios and saving the rain

style of husiness gone down well in some quarters of the male dominated City, Pertaps the only surprising thing is that it hasn't happened sooner.

There is a recurring theme here. Once they reach a certain size, many privatelyowned companies in Britain are tempted on to the stock market only to find the barsh glare of the City an uncomfortable experience. Flotation provides access to capital markets as well as status and personal wealth for the founders. But it also brings with it a requirement for greater disclosure. Those quirky hobby husinesses are frowned upon, as is paying yourself in oil paintings or unduly mixing your own and the public company's affairs. It also puts previously unknown demands on the organisation. The fieldom becomes subject not just to the rule of the boss, but to those of outside investors too.

For the highly ambitious entrepreneur, keen to grow by acquisition, a public quate is essential. For those who want nothing more than to watch their business grow organically, it may be inappropriate. One of the primary reasons for the Virgin float was to allow Richard Branson to realise his dream of taking over EMI. In the heady days of the 80s a reverse takeover of this sort seemed more than possible. When it eventually became apparent that it was not, Mr Branson rapidly ended what he admitted was forests have never been easy bedfellows. Nor | a far from happy relationship with the City. | commercial merit whatsoever.

cess in husiness. Mrs Roddick would prefer to be without it.

Returning businesses to private ownership fraught with difficulties, however, not least because of the problems of agreeing a fair price. Anything offered by a director is bound to be treated with suspicion. By definition it must be less than he or she thinks the company is worth. Anita Roddick's tentative price of 200p per share for Body Shop is seen by the City as about 20p per share too low. It is certainly a far cry from the 368p the shares reached in early 1992. Like Alan Sugar before her, Mrs Roddick may find she is forced to carry on working for outside shareholders, much as she might distike it.

#### Thames stays away from the madhouse

Trivestors in Thames Water can breath a sigh Lof relief. The company has ruled out chasing North West Water into the commercial madhouse by mounting a takeover bid for its local electricity company - in this case London Electricity, Indeed, the uncompromising terms in which it scotched stock market rumours of such a hid - "there is no way of justifying the premium... nothing would be gained in terms of shareholder value" - only reinforces the view that North West's hid for Norweh is an empire huilding exercise of no

points. Thames is extracting the choicest and applying them to its husiness without the expense and trauma of a takeover. The idea of joint facilities management with London Electricity in billing, IT and repairs clearly has much to commend it. But neither side sees any reason why this should imply a full

While it is true that there are tax and additional cost culting benefits that can be derived by merging water and electricity util-ities, these hardly compensate for the potential downside, as Thames has correctly surmised. With political, regulatory and competitive pressures growing ever more intense, about the last thing a water company should be doing is increasing its risk to the regulated sector by merging with an electricity company.

#### Ignoring the real problem

A European Commission study requested by European leaders at the Cannes sum-mit and unveiled in Brussels yesterday hlames currency turmoil for a slowdown in the European economy of up to half a per cent in the overall growth rate in 1995. Surprise, surprise, the Commission concludes that the single currency is the answer to the problems of exchange-rate turbulence that broke out when the ERM broke down in

does not appear to be warranted by much of the evidence in the report.

A central contention is that - over the longer-term - trade is affected more by structural factors and growth differentials than by currency fluctuations. Taking the period 1987-1994, hard currency France gained market share for manufacturing industry in the EU. However, if you look at the position for the manufacturing sector since 1992, matters look very different. France has lost ground.

Extending the analysis to exports outside the now slow-growing trading bloc of the EU, the devaluing countries, beaded by Italy have grown far faster than the hard currency countries like Germany and France. None of this is particularly surprising. The devaluations accomplished since 1992 haven't been wiped out by subsequent price and wage inflation so they have adjusted the real exchange rate down.

The Commission has yet to report on the highly sensitive issue of the the relationship between the "ins" and the "outs" of a move to EMU that excludes Italy and the UK. However, it seems clear that the relationship will he fraught. For the moment, the principal damage being wrought on the Euro-pean economy has less to do with the effect of currency turmoil - as the Commission claims - and more to do with interest-rates, which in the case of France are much too

# Legal & General abolishes PEP charge

**CLIFFORD GERMAN** 

The insurance giant Legal & General stepped up the war in the financial services market last night by announcing that it is to abolish initial charges on all its personal equity plans.

In moves designed to turn it from a minor league player into one of the top 10, it will also be launching a new corporate bond PEP and a new PEP that SE stock market index.

challenge to Richard Branson's claims to provide low-cost PEPs for the masses. There are no immediate plans to cut charges on its unil trusts as well, hut they

could follow. Legal & General is number 20 in the current league, with just £350m of PEPs under management. It aimes to become one of the top 10 providers, with between 5 per cent and 10 per cent of an estimated £25bn

markel within three years. Investors in L&G's five existing PEPs will no longer be asked to pay a 3 per cent initial charge to huy a plan. Annual management charges will remain at 1.25 per cent on the growth plan and 1.5 per cent on the other four. A fee will be in-troduced on withdrawals, bowever, within the first five years.

The 3 per cent initial charge will be abolished on the existing guaranteed PEP and the highly successful guaranteed corporate bond PEP, which it claims bas attracted half of all the money invested in corporate bond PEPs to date, although investors will still pay a 4 per cent charge for the guarantee against loss if the stock market falls, plus

a 2 per cent annual charge.

A new corporate bond PEP will he offered, investing in L&G's fixed-interest trust, offering a running yield of 8.2 per vantage of low charges.

cent tax-free after management expenses, and a redemption yield of 7.7 per cent. The 1.25 per cent annual management charge will be deducted from the income, and there will be withdrawal fees but there will be no initial charge.

An index-tracking PEP is being launebed in direct competition with Richard Branson's Virgin tracker fund. Its value will rise and fall with the FT-SE

There will be no initial The new strategy is a direct ebarge, no withdrawal fee and annual management charges of just 0.5 per cent plus a flat fee of £25 plus VAT a year. That works out at £89.38 a year on an investment of £12,000 and £179.38 on a maximum holding of £30,000 built up over five

> It compares with charges of £120 and £300 respectively on a standard I per cent fee charged by the cheapest alternative providers, rising to £180 and £450 on some of the highest-cost rival PEP providers.

L&G will sell its products through all available channels, through its direct sales force, its tied agents and through independent financial advisers and off the page in newspapers and magazines. It will continue to pay a commission of 1.5 per

Faced with this concerted attack many smaller competitors will simply be unable to compete and will be unable to advertise their PEP products, Michael Hayden, L&G's managing director, retail products,

said yesterday. Legal & General is targeting the estimated 1 million individual investors who hold PEPs issued by a variety of providers and convincing them that they can transfer their existing plans to Legal & General to take ad- | up 13,000 to 267,200.





Roaring ahead: Niget Rudd, non-executive chairman

Photograph: Kalpesh Lathigra

# City welcomes £303m Pilkington cash call

TOM STEVENSON **Deputy City Editor** 

Handsome pay-off: Profits surge by 70 per cent, share earnings double and dividend is increased

The market welcomed a £303 m rights issue from glass maker Pilkington yesterday, seduced by an unexpected 70 per cent jump in first-half profits and a 17.5 per cent dividend hike. The shares closed 8p higher at 189p, com-pared with the 155p at which the cash call was priced.

Investors were impressed by the decision to huy in the 50 per cent of formerly state-owned Italian glass group SIV that Pilkington did not already own. The acquisition for £120m is expected to be immediately earnings-enhancing and strengthens the company's position in the European automotive market.

Pilkington also announced ne £55m acquisition of Interpane, a Scandinavian and Swiss glass processing and distribution

company's presence in the onv Pilkington in February, downstream double-glazing and ending five generations of famtoughening market and underwrites a further 63,000 tonnes of production from Pilkington's float glass plants.

Strong growth in the contri-bution from SIV, where Pilkington has cut the headcount and improved operational efficiencies, helped profits in the six months to September increase from £61m to £104m after turnover rose from £1.29hn to £1.37bn. For the first time in several years sales were lifted by price rise and margins improved

by 2 percentage points.

Earnings per share more than doubled from 3p to 7.3p leaving the higher payout (1.75p versus 1.5p) well covered.

The acquisition of SIV is the first hig move since Nigel Rudd. chairman of Williams Holdings and East Midlands Elecgroup, which consolidates the tricity, took over from Sir Anth-

ending five generations of family control of the St Helens-

based company.

The deal gives Pilkington a 36 per cent share of the European automotive glass market and complements existing contracts with Mercedes, BMW and Rover with the volume car makers, Flat, VW and Ford. The £120m cost of the second

half of the business compares with the £44m paid for the first 50 per cent stake. Having stripped out costs. Pilkington estimated that it acquired SIV for just 5 times its post-tax earnings and bas generated a 21 per cent return on the price paid.

Pilkington said it had adopted the rights issue funding route to keep the lid on gearing, down from 6 59 per cent between September 1994 and the balf-year mark. Investment Column, page 22

# French jobless rate up again

PAUL WALLACE **Economics Editor** 

11.5 per cent of the workforce in September. This latest blow to the economy came on a day in which the unions said they would stage a day of action on 14 November against government plans to cut welfare spend
At the end of last week, Presing and Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, said there would be a vote of confidence on those plans following a parliamentary debate in two weeks.

The jobless count increased

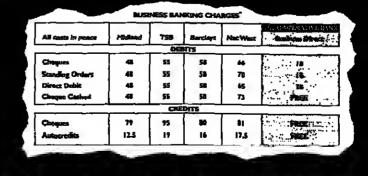
caused the franc to weaken by a centime from an early peak of DM3.4635 and rekindled scep-The French unemployment rate ticism in the markets about rose unexpectedly from 11.4 to economic policy. Doubts are focused on the apparent clash between the objective of cutting unemployment on the one hand

ident Jacques Chirac said there was absolutely no reason to devalue the franc and committed himself to getting the budget deficit down. However, the rise in unemployment in September has raised concern about the viability of this commitment.

Neil MacKinnon, currency strategist at Citibank, said: "It highlights the inconsistency of objectives. His reassurance has bought time but it doesn't alter the fundamental problem that interest rates are too high at this The rise in unemployment stage of the economic cycle."

by 28,200, taking the total to 2,952,100 - the second consecutive increase in unemployment after 10 months of decline and the largest for two years. The main increase was con-centrated in the number of jobless men under the age of 25,

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# Budget expansion plan for PFI

The Chancellor is likely to announce a big expansion of the Private Finance Initiative in this month's Budget, including a drive to encourage local authorities to participate which could substantially boost the current £5bn of projects in the pipeline or agreed.

Among new measures being considered by the Treasury to boost the PFI is a set of changes in the rules governing local authority capital investment which could bring new work to manutacturing and construction

Michael Jack, the financial secretary to the Treasury, made clear yesterday that every department has been under strong pressure during the pre-Budget public spending round to come up with proposals for introducing private finance.

Under the PFI, private sector

companies fund investments that would otherwise be financed by the taxpayer. If they [departments] want to be associated with things that are going to happen, private

Mr Jack said

nance more accessible to local authorities were drawn up by the Department of the Environment, Mr Jack, while refusing to give details, dropped a strong hint that the Treasury looked on

them favourably. He described them as "very interesting ideas." The PFI has been widely criticised in industry, particularly among construction companies, because of its slowness to get off



Michael Jack: confident of finance is the preferred route" finding new PFI schemes

end of March has grown to £1.3bn, including the £140m Treasury minister responds to industry's contracts for two privately fundcomplaints, Peter Rodgers reports ed prisons that are about to be announced by the Home Office. The proposals to make PFI fi-the ground, amidst allegations that schemes have been bogged

down in a mound of bureaucratic paper. Construction companies claim the PFI has been used as a cover for cuts in public works contracts. Mr Jack said the Treasury acknowledged the criticisms about the way PFI projects were negotiated and wished to bear the

something about them. "We are learning all the time," he said He has held bilateral meetings with spending ministries to identify potential logiams in Whitehall, and the Treasury has launched a big staff training programme. The aim is to bridge what is seen as a cultural divide between civil servants and the businesses with which they negotiate."It takes time for a partnership to form." Mr Jack said.

weeks will show that the £500m

of PFI projects committed at the

A new Treasury assessment to be published in the next few

Officials said a further £400m of roadbuilding projects are also near signature, which will take the total to £1.7bn. In the last Budget the Chan-

cellor set a target of £5bn of PFI projects by the end of the current financial year, including £2.3bn for the proposed Channel Tunnel Rail Link, Mr Jack said be was confident the link complaints of industry and do would be agreed during the financial year. That would bring the total to £4bn - leaving only £1bn to go to meet the Chancellor's target.

ft is thought that the Treasury is looking for a further £5bn of PFI projects by the end of the 1995-96 financial year. With the rail link regarded as very much a one off, that represents almost a doubling of the flow of smaller PFI projects. But Mr Jack expressed confidence in the ability of Whitehall to come up with new and viahle plans, despite industry's misgivings about the pace of the programme.

### THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

Pilkington; at a glance

Market value: £1.52bn, share price 189p

## Edited by TOM STEVENSON Pilkington acquires new image

Pilkington bas provided its share- overly harsh and compares favourably holders with more than their share of with the 65 the shares traded on at the disappointment through the reces- peak of the last cycle. Quite rightly the sion, so yesterday's 7p rise in the share shares have been rerated. At 189p, they price to 189p, despite a £300m cash call, look fully valued, even if the rights pawas a dramatic reflection of the City's per at 155p has been safely priced. change of beart. Roger Leverton, and more recently Nigel Rudd, have taken enormous strides towards dispelling Pilks' image as an inefficient, family-

dominated company. The 70 per cent rise in underlying profits helped, but investors really liked Pilkington's willingness to invest heavily when it sees an opportunity, unfazed by its recent history of over-indebtedness and ill-conceived acquisitions. Buying in the remaining 50 per cent of SIV, the formerly state-owned and hugely inefficient Italian glass maker, is the right thing to do, and funding it with equity the right route.

The deal, which gives Pilks a 36 per cent share of the European automotive glass market and corrects an unhealthy hias towards the mature economies of the Continent's northern countries, stacks up on most measures: a return on investment of 21 per cent, an exit price/earoings multiple of just five or a sixfold increase in Pilkington's share of profits from the venture in the six months to September.

The other acquisition, of the douhle glazing and glass processing operations of Interpanc in Scandinavia and Switzerland, also makes sense, under-pinning demand for float glass from the company's European plants. Include the extra sales from that source and the price paid for Interpane looks more attractive than the recent Heywood Williams distribution arm acquisition.

That said, the underlying investment story at the company has not altered massively. The old family culture is changing but Pilks is still a hugely cyclical husiness, even if its position in the fast-growing economies of the world eastero Europe, China and South America – are encouraging.

The question is how those cyclical earnings should be rated. Profits in the 12 months to next March should exceed £200m and in 1997 approach the previous peak profits of over £300m. Even after the hig issue of shares yesterday, that puts earnings per share at ahout 15p this year and 20p next time, for a price earnings multiple in calendar 1997 of nine compared with a market average of just under 12. That is quite a discount, but so it should be - until Pilks can lick the cycle, a price/earnings relative of 75 is not

#### US impasse hits Life Sciences

It has not been a good year for Life Sciences International, the scientific equipment group chaired by Sir Christopher Bland, London Weekend Television's former head. Since reporting strong 1994 results in March, brokers' estimates for this year have tumhled as a succession of problems have emerged, ranging from a disap-pointing performance from last year's Hybaid acquisition to negative exinge rate movements.

But two new fronts have now opened up against the company, forcing it to warn that second-half profits are likely to be down by a similar amount to the I6 per cent fall reported in the first six months to June. The shares plunged 35p to 87p, a level not seen for near-

Trading record

Pre-tax profits (£m)

Dividends per share (pence)

glass market %

**European automotive** 

ly five years, as the City took out its red pencil again yesterday.

The most debilitating blow is the current impasse between the US Congress and President Clinton over this year's national budget. This has beld up funding of the National Institute of Health, the American equivalent of the Medical Research Council. With a budget expected to he \$11.5bn this year, the NHI is Life Sciences' single biggest customer and indirectly has a hig influence on spending by other clients of the group in the US, which in total represents around 55 per cent of sales.

The difficulties caused by the financing moratorium have been com-pounded by consolidation among LSI's customers. Acquisitions have reduced the four hig US equipment distributors to two, concentrating huying power in the process. At the same time, takeovers - particularly Glaxo's purchase of Wellcome - are severely denting spending by big drugs groups as research and development depart-ments are merged and rationalised.

Brokers have slashed forecasts to about £23m, which after £28.5m last year, ends an unbroken eight-year run of profit increases since Sir Christopher came aboard. A prospective p/e

Share price

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ratin of 10 looks undemanding for a company with recovery prospects, but Life Sciences will remain exposed in the US and Hybaid puts a question mark over management's ability to
mark over management's ability to bandle acquisitions. Pairly valued.

#### Vero looks to market debut

The number of quoted mobile telephone base station manufacturers will double this month when Vero Group comes to the stock market. And despite attempts to distance it from Rainford, a similar group which floated in April, today's prospectus is likely to reflect the

experience of that previous market debut, also masterminded by Warburg. Vero is likely to be capitalised at around £125m. With post-tax profits forecast at £7.6m, before exceptionals, that suggests a launch multiple of around 16, broadly comparable with the rating on which Rainford was floated. Warburg is clearly hoping to emulate its earlier success: from a placing price of 270p Rainford's shares have soared and now stand at 390p.

Admittedly, Rainford's growth has been of a different order to Vero, with profits soaring from £325,000 to £5.3m in the last four years. By comparison, Vero's record is more pedestrian, with the pre-tax total rising from £1m to £6.6m in the three years to 1994, even if the £11.1m underlying profits fore-cast for the year tn December should hump up the average.

Vero looks the more soundly based group, however. Ericsson, the Scandinavian electronics group, is the largest customer, taking around 15 per cent of sales. By contrast, Nokia, the Finnish youp, represents over half Rainford's business, which remains heavily dependent on mobile telephony.

Vero's 42 directors and senior employees whn hacked a £33m manage-ment buy-out from cables group BICC in 1994 will end up with 25 per cent of the enlarged equity after the float, and raise £3m from selling shares. A further £20m or so will go to Candover and Mercury Development Capital, the two venture capital groups which backed the boy-out. Vero's broader customer, product and geographic spread, should underpin the shares and the small intermediaries element (only 3.5 per cent of the enlarged equity) could leave some demand unsatisfied.

### Simon Pincombe CITY DIARY

# Spirit of Scrooge moves in at Reuters

Renters has reacted decisively to the perceived slowdown in its markets announced last week. The international news agency has cancelled the children's Christmas party and prompted an immediate strike ballot by offering staff a

2 per cent pay rise. With some reporters hinting darkly at a walkout on Budget Day the grievance was quickly put to an informal ballot to test the water. Lawyers have also been consulted on a formal ballot, although it is unlikely the law can be complied with in time to pull the plug on the Chancellor (more's the pity).

With third-quarter revenue up 15 per cent at £677m and shares near their peak of £6 staff were hoping that claims for a 7 per cent pay award would be treated sympathetically. But the response from management, led by chief executive Peter Job, is heing viewed as less than

magnanimous.
The Christmas party for the staff's children has been going for years," sobs one journalist. "Santa Claus comes along and all the kids get a little present."

God really is moving in mysterious ways. The Diocese of London has stepped into the unknown and put its monthly events calendar on the Internet, offering salvation to many an angst-ridden trader.

People working long hours in the City can quickly check their mounter for hunch time music or a special church service." warbles Leigh Hatts, the Diocese's listings editor. Today, on All Saints' Day, for example, there is a choice of

Focus has switched to digital TV and new programme deals, writes Mathew Horsman

Channel 5 losers look to future

Jacques Chirac may not find the new entente cordiale so easy to sell back home when the French find out about Britain's Business Links initiative. The all-singing, alldancing nne-stop shop for small business advice and services is reporting deep penetration of traditional Gallic markets. At the vanguard is Fosters Bakery in Barusley. Its baguettes are going down a storm across the Channel. "You can buy baguettes made in Barnsley within 100 yards of the Champs Elysées," preens John Foster, Barnsley boulanger.



21 church services, both Anglican and Roman Catholic. The move should also further the church's hitherto unreported work with men behaving oddly. Suspicious personnel managers may care to pop along to St Mary Woolnoth in Lombard Street and see who turns up at a series of talks which include "Men's Inner Pain", "The Search for Masculine Spiritu-al Wholeness" and "Men: Quietly Desperate?"

The queue will probably stretch to the Tower.

The Rugby League World Cup notwithstanding, the Halifax has yet to emhrace sponsorship in a manner befiting a major banking force. It will be a couple of months before the huilding society which is in the process of converting to a bank - has fully evaluated the success of its association with the rugby tournament and there are no immediate plans to match the largesse of the hig clearers when it comes to pumping money into sport and the arts.

"We do have pretentions to being an international force, a Halifax spokesman admit-ted, "but we are still formulating our marketing mix."
Until then the society will stick with backing the Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival. Wimhledon will have to wait.

Ernst & Young has been quick to erect its defences following yesterday's High Court ruling in favour of Lloyd's names, which could see the auditors of the Merrett 418 syndicate liable for an awful lot of dosh. Ernst HQ has suddenly been festooned with Hallowe'en masks and symbols of the occult. The first name to sue gets a date with

### MEPC lifts US assets

Deputy City Editor

European property portfolio up for sale. Proceeds from the disposal of the assets, in the bal-ance sheet at £167m, have been earmarked for investment in Australia and the US, where the company is also spending £186m on a retail property unit trust.

James Tuckey, chicf executive, said: "Our European opcrations have performed well, but we helieve there are better opportunities. We have some prime assets in continental Europe and, in due course, we ex-pect to realise the full value." The acquisition of the North £32m.

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American Property Unit Trust is for an initial £84m and MEPC will assume associated borrow-MEPC, Britain's second-biggest ings of about £102m. Its main property company, is putting its assets are three enclosed shopping malls, an open-air shopping centre and three quarters of an office building freehold interest

> MEPC already has retail investments in the US, baving spent £115m two years ago to double its presence in the US with the acquisition of two shopping malls in California's San Fernando valley and Atlanta, Georgia.

in New York.

Most of the consideration for Naput comes in the form of MÉPC shares, with a partial cash alternative worth up to

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Following completion of the deal 17 per cent of MEPC's assets will be in the US, and the retail portfolio will account for just over a third of the total.

The new shopping malls include a 1.4 million sq ft site in | the for Britain's last terrestrial Jacksonville, Florida, and a slightly smaller mall in Bakersfield, California. . The freehold relates to the land beneath the 30-storey Graybar building next to Grand Central Station in

New York City. The decision to concentrate investment in the US chimes with a recent report from Jones Lang Wootton, the surveying firm, which believes the US market is rising fast, with vacancy rates down and rents and

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stead on developing their existing media assets. For BSkyB. that includes preparations for the launch of digital satellite television - what Sky chief Sam capital values increasing fast. Chisholm calls the real story. We have no regrets. It is our belief that we had the most re-New rates from the Bristol & West. alistic bid from a financial viewpoint," he says, adding, in a

> make money, then good luck tn them." Granada, similarly, has shaken off the loss with little trouhle. "We have made the commitment to programmemaking capacity, and intend to expand further," said Chris Hopson, spokesman for Granada, which also owns London

reference to the winners: "If

Pearson and MAI think they can

Is there life after Channel 5?

Disappointed losers in the hat

channel have begun to adjust to

the news, vowing that their in-

terest in British hroadcasting is

undimmed despite their failure

Companies such as BSkyB

and Granada, members of low

hidder New Century Televi-

sion, had long since given up on winning, and have focused in-

to win the coveted licence.

Weekend. "Our strategy remains ex-actly the same: finding new outlets for our programme supply." He added that Granada would hope to sell programming to Channel 5, once the service

is up and running in early 1997. In the UKTV camp, the mood is mixed. SelecTV, the independent producer and cahle hroadcaster, is itself up for sale, and it is believed that the public this week. Channel 5 decision might have come as a relief.

Certainly, advisers to SelecTV believe the company's inclusion in what was considered the front-running hid was nei-

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Eyes on expansion: Granada's Gerry Robinson, Virgin's Richard Branson and Sam Chisholm of BSkyB

gotiations with would-be huyirrelevance," one adviser said, even hefore the award was announced last Friday.

But it is understood that executives at CanWest, leaders of the UKTV consortium, remained extremely angry about their failure to win the licence after having made the highest cash bid of £36m. The UKTV consortium plans to publish a detailed rebuttal of the reasons given by the ITC for the rejection of the highest hid, just as Virgin TV has promised to do. Both rehuttals will be made

All the same, while both UKTV and Virgin TV - which failed the ITC's quality threshold for diversity and quality of programming - stressed publicly that they were still considering

ther "a plus nor a minus" in ne- legal action over the controversial decision, some members ers. "Channel 5 is an of the losing hid groups suggested privately that a judicial review was unlikely."It is time we drew a line under this," said one senior industry executive whose consortium failed to pass

the quality threshold. UKTV's CanWest, one of Canada's largest hroadcasters, is attempting to halance its anger over the ITC decision and its desire to expand in the UK. Insiders said the company did not want to antagonise the ITC unduly, as it harboured "sig-nificant designs on the UK broadcasting industry."

Members of the Virgin TV consortium spent yesterday talking to lawyers, and scheduled a second meeting next week. The fact that legal advisers did not immediately dis-

review was seen last night as underlining how seriously the group views what it calls "inconsistencies" in the ITC deci-

But Richard Branson's Virgin Group, the main backers of Virgin TV, admitted privately that they were already beginning to focus on other husiness opportunities, including cable and - down the road - digital terrestrial television.

The strength of the Virgin brand made it a "natural" for cahle programming, said one media analyst.

Virgin's Channel 5 partner Associated Newspapers is also expected to redouble efforts to expand its own embryonic broadcasting operations, based largely on the money-losing Channel One on cable.

HTV, a partner in the Virgin count the possibility of judicial TV consortium, also said yes-

terday it was committed to expanding its TV operations. Chris Rowlands, chief executive. said: "For us, Channel 5 was like a module: separate from our main businesses. If we had won. so much the better, hut we had come to a determination that we would not win, and we are con-

centrating on our core strategy." For HTV, that means building up domestic and international sales of its natural history and childrens' programmes. and seeking new alliances.

Most of the losers said they expected Channel 5 to make money for Pearson and MAL, its chief backers, and regretted they would not be there to benefit. But the fragmentation of the British broadcasting market, and the advent of digital suggests there will be ample upportunities for companies with media aspirations.

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# Links 'must be commercial

**Business Editor** 

Business Links must be seen to be commercial bodies and not ex-

ecutive agencies of government, lan Lang, president of the Board of Trade, warned yesterday. Announcing the expansion of Business Links into a national

support network for Britain's 3.6 million small firms. Mr Lang confirmed that by next March he expected more than 240 of the local organisations to be in

Mr Lang made clear that the long-term fate of Business Links depended on their ability to attract customers who would judge the effectiveness of their services.

The Government is expecting Business Links to generate about a quarter of their £100m a year income from fees from private clients by 1998/9, a proportion expected to increase

Business Links are private sector bodies run by partnerships made up of Training and

Enterprise Councils, Chambers of Commerce, local authorities, enterprise agencies, universities and banks. Their revenue comes from the DTI, partner organisations and fees from clients. Inangurated two years ago, the links are a nnc-stop shop for small business and will be the retail outlet for all government services to support small and medium business.

Mr Lang said the network was the "greatest single support" ever given to small and

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### AND CONSTRUCTION

Budget buy-back scare gives a lift to the well-endowed Shares are starting to fret about the Budget. With the With New York again strong, lower interest rates Chancellor's address less than hopes gaining ground and the four weeks away the stock buy-back shares making a sig-nificant contribution, the FTmarket alighted on its first serious Budget scare story of the SE 100 index gained 19.1 points to 3,529.1, although season - share buy-backs. A rumour went the rounds

turnover was again unexciting. that Kenneth Clarke planned Reuters, at one time at 601p. to hit the tax advantages of buyled the buy-back brigade, closbacks, and cash-rich companies would, therefore, rush to ining at 588p, up 12p. Talk of an international investment pretroduce schemes before the sentation was also in the air.

Budget. So the shares of a National Westminster Bank, spread of well-endowed groups 11p higher at 632p, and Associated British Foods, 8.5p at But many gains were trimmed as doubts surfaced 703.5p, were others caught up by the rumour. whether a Tory chancellor would want to discourage such Great Universal Stores, 11p

were suddenly in vogue.

Budget is likely to become in-

a harmless exercise.

stronger at 571p, also enjoyed the speculation.
Schroders, another buy-Still, if the market remains relatively featureless and the back candidate, jumped 43p to 1,346p but takeover thoughts much heralded mega-takeover bid, said to be in the system, fails to materialise, speculation about the composition of the Nat West, soon to sell its US

banking arm at a rich price, is

seen as having cash burning a the Gates family, with 40 per

hole in its corporate pocket. cent, may bid for the rest of the

MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN

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Schroders is a likely target; so sbares, and Le Creuset, the is Standard Chartered, persistently firm and up another 11p at 521p. Legal & General, the insurance giant, remained in the bid

frame. The shares hit a oew high, up 13.5p at 683.5p. NatWest, keen to build its fund management side, bas also been linked with L&G which has £36bn under man-The sudden urge to go private intrigued many observers. **Body Shop International rose** 21p to 156p; Frank G Gates,

a garage group, motored 8p

ahead to 71p after reporting

of the year saucepan maker, gained 18p to 177p after the chairman, Paul van Zuydam, with 73.7 per cent, announced that he want-

provider, surfed 52p higher to 508p as an array of influences intrigued the market. Shares of bidder UUNET have been strong in New York, lifting the value of its offer to ocarer 550p, and talk of a counter-bid from KPN of the Netherlands, is also going the rounds; there is even talk of Microsoft, with 15 percent of UUNET bidding for the rest and mopping up Unipalm in the process. Thames Water, which de-

clared it had no interest in absorbing London Electricity. rose 6 p to 427p on results; Loodon Electricity lost Monday's gain, easing to 902p. Sears, the retailer was off

1.5p to 101.5p, ruffled by a James Capel profit down-grading. The stockbroker is said to have moved from £135m to £120m and from £150m to £140m. Other downgrades are feared.

Pilkington's acquisitions and cash call produced a 7p gain to 189p and BTR continued to edge forward, up 2.5p to 336p. There is growing US interest and at least one big buying order remains uncompleted. A year ago the shares were down to 275p. In some quarters the feeling is growing that the conglomerate is look-

Sage fell 11p to 253p. The shares have come down from a 287p peak in the past month on rumours of a slowdown in

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demand for accountancy soft-

BCE, the computer games group, ignored a denial of bid talks, sticking at 24.75p. Continuing talk of a drugs deal lifted Black & Edgington 0.5p to 6.25p with 13.4 millioo shares printed.

Chiroscience, one of the biotech babes, was another busily traded with Seaq putting volume at nearly 6 million shares. Most changed hands at 277p. The price was little changed at 282p.

A profit warning hit Life Sci-

ences, down 36p to 86p, and Bryant, the house huilder lost 6p to 98p on a 20 per cent fall in house reservations.

Black Arrow, the office furniture distributor which is sub-

ject to periodic takeover rumours, gained 4p to 43p. Ticketing, traded at just 0.25p, remains in the doldrums with a £354,000 half-year loss. A restructuring is planned.

profit record. Its shares are 10p. They touched 62p five Recovery at the Tamaris nursing homes chain is

☐ Little United Energy, which

returned to profits in the first

investment presentations. The first takes place today, hosted by stockbroker Peel Hunt.

Formerly Falcon Resources.

the group has an uninspiring

half of the year, is feeling

sufficiently encouraged to

undertake a series of

gathering strength. Interim profits, including an exceptional item, have reached £610,000 and around f1m (against £322,000) seems likely for the year. William Fitch, chairman, is looking for acquisitions and a deal could be announced in a few weeks. A maiden 0.021375p

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# Lara will not return next year

Cricket

The news Warwickshire supporters had been fearing broke yesterday. Brian Lara has ruled out a return to the county as their overseas player next season. The West Indian batsman. who helped Warwickshire to a unique treble in his debut season with them last year, has been released from his contract hecause he felt unable to give them the "necessary commitment".

Warwiekshire "reluctantly agreed to his request and will discuss the remaining two years of Lara's three-year deal at their next general committee meeting on 13 November.

Dennis Amiss, the chief executive at Edgbaston, said he had been optimistic "hut I spoke to him last night and he feels that he needs time off because of his international commitments."

Lara replaced Manoj Prabhakar when the Indian withdrew through injury after agreeing to fill in for Allan Donald, who was touring England with South Africa. His signing proved inspirational as Warwickshire became the first side to win the County Championship, Benson and Hedges Cup and Sunday League in the same season.

He hit a world record firstclass score of 501 against Durham and scored six hundreds in his opening seven Championship innings, averaging 89.82 after scoring 2.066 runs in first-class cricket.

Donald ruled himself out by taking up a coaching post at the club, but Roger Twose, a memher of two Championship winning sides, is likely to be considered after leaving Warwickshire this year to become a Test player with New Zealand.

Salim Malik, the former Pakistan captain who was cleared by his national authorities of brihery allegations made by three Australian Test players, arrived in Australia vesterday to join Pakistan's tour,

At Perth airport, he refused to comment on the issue, raised by Shane Warne, Tim May and Mark Waugh of offering them money to play poorly during Australia's tour of Pakistan last year. "I am just here to play cricket. Please excuse me, lei me go," he said as he pushed through a throng of reporters. "I am under contract and I am not allowed to say anything controversial."

The Indian batsman Saehin Tendulkar has signed a five-year commercial deal with WorldTel that is helieved to be the most luctative involving a cricketer. The American-based company has bought the television broadcast rights for next year's World









Saturday night's all right for fighting: the four in action are (from left) Mike Tyson, Buster Mathis Jnr, Evander Holyfield and Riddick Bowe

# Four men in search of the highest honour

Boxing

KEN JONES reports from Las Vegas

There is a simple way to describe each of two heavyweight contests that are taking place barely a mile apart at easines in Las Vegas on Saturday and to

he shown almost simultane-

ously live on American television by rival networks. The one at Caesars Palace involving evenly matched upponents - the World Boxing Organisation champion, Riddick Bowe and the former undisputed title-holder, Evander Holyfield, who are meeting for the third time with honours even - is a real fight, exciting in

prospect, The counter-attraction at the MGM Grand, where Mike Tyson's comeback continues against Buster Mathis Jnr, is a public humiliation. Mathis is given so little chance that it would he appropriate if he showed up

in a tumbrel and an executioner's block was placed in the ring. Buster's got some good moves. hut he's low on power and punch resistance," Eddie Futch, Bowe's famed trainer, said yesterday. "Ul be astonished if he lasts more than two or three rounds."

The dilemma for those of us who are obliged to stay in touch with both contests is that while Bowe and Holyfield are likely to provide superior entertainment, no risk can be taken with even the remotest possibility of an-other drama in Tyson's life.

Nobody imagines Mathis capable of causing a sensation, but as there are plenty of examples in hoxing history to embarrass logical eonelusions, and as Tyson's next opponent will be Frank Bruno for the World Boxing Council championship in Las Vegas on 16 March next year, there can be no argument over the respective importance of this week's events in the Nevada descri.

To make things more complicated, Bowe versus Holyfield is a pay-per-view fight put out at \$35 (£23) by Home Box Office, while Tyson versus Mathis is free as the result of a deal struck between Don King and Fox television. If Fox stick to their schedule

and Mathis is no more trouhtesome than his moderate record suggests, viewers will be able to watch both fights, but the advantage is unquestionably with Fox. who are predicting a conquest in the ratings.

A tudicrous situation is typical of affairs in the heavyweight division since Tyson, in renewed alliance with King, set out to regain the undisputed ehampionship. Ignoring conveniently and completely the fact that Lennox Lewis defeated Lionel Butler in an official eliminator for the WBC championship title earlier this year. Tyson said yesterday: "Nobody deserved the title more than Bruno and I'm looking forward to challenging him. Bruno lost fights, but he never gave up. He didn't get discouraged, t like there." who hits so hard as Mike. You really earn your money in there." that. Although t didn't see the fight against Oliver McCall. it was incredible that he won. Something special. I don't know whether be's improved, but I'll be ready for him.

Bruno, whose purse of £7.5m will be a record in British boxing, is unlikely to be encouraged by watching Tyson from ringside on Saturday. Certainly, there is no evidence to suggest that the man who stopped him violently in the fifth round almost six years ago is taking the short cuts that probably brought about a sensational loss of the title to James "Buster" Douglas in

Reaching for the soreness he said. caused around his lower ribs by vicious body punching, one of Tyson's sparring partners. Tvrone Evans from Chicago who stands 6ft 7in, said; "I've been in with Bowe and Holvfield, but I've never come across anyone

Doubtless eager to banish the memory from his mind, Tyson never refers directly to incurceration. It is always "that place" or "my long tay-off".
"Being out of boxing for such a long time means that I'm still looking for my old skills." he said.

And it doesn't happen overnight. I feel more confident than I was before my first fight because I sense a lot of things are coming hack. I'm more relaxed than I was against Peter McNeeley." When asked if an iced towel was wrapped around his right fist to relieve pain. Tyson shrugged, "It's nothing,"

In view of a reluctance to communicate publicly since his release from prison. Tyson's manner was surprising. "I still kwe boxing," he said, "the thrill it brings me, but I get tired of speaking about it.

It pleases him that Saturday's contest is on free television. in the world who have never seen me fight, so that's really something. For the moment, I'm not thinking about Bowe or Holyfield or Lewis. All that mat-ters is that I'm back from a long lay-off and can try and get hetter. It will be an ongoing process until I feel that I've reached a pinnacle. Every boxer deserves respect and nobody is bigger

than the title." The title or titles? "I've got nothing against sanctioning bodies," Tyson said, "because their titles provide fighters with status.

There is another way to look at the fragmentation of boxing authority, the power wielded indiscriminately by self-serving international bodies, and it is why Lewis's advisors will be back in the High Court tomorrow seeking to prevent Bruno from defending against Tyson. Some hope, Some sport.

# Jockeys' celebrations turn sour

Racing

**GREG WOOD** 

Ever since Nigel Hawke seemed close in pitching himself from Seagram 20 yards before the Aintree winning line when he punched the air in triumph at winning the 1991 National. some punters have winced at similar displays at the finish of hig races. Now official evebrows too have been raised and - of the safety of horse and no the advisability of such celebrations was one of the subjects discussed yesterday at a York seminar bringing together both

jockeys and the Jockey Club. These gestures of delight. understandable though they may be, are now the rule rather than the exception, prompting

> RESULTS EXETER

1.30: 1. BELL ONE (Peter Hobbs) 11-10 faz; 2. Tight Fist 3-1: 3. Gracking Prospect 33: 10 ran. 2, 10. ia Durn, Minchead). Tota: 12-40; ff.130, ff.130, ff.00. DF: £3.70. CSF: £4.76. Tro: £37.60 2.00: 1 YES MAN UF Tilley) 11-1; 2 Lit-

the Hooligan 2-1 fav. 3. Daring King 5-1. 6 ran. 17-, 20. iMes H Enght, Wartagot, Totae 23 ±0, £1.90, £1.50, DF: £3.00. CSF: £3.55. 59.55. 1. PETER MONANY (D Bridgester)
9-4 far; 2. Noble Bufferina 4-1: 3. Gigfy 31. 9 rap. 6. 1. 1/4 Pag. Wellington). Tote:
52.50; 4: 30, £1.90; (1.17). DF: 8.90; CSF:
51.3.56. Tote: £4.50. After a stewards in-

Curry, placings, challefield.

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NR. Gina Greenagh.

3.30: 1 CHICKABIDDY MA Fizigenich 7-2: 2. Koo's Promise 14-1: 3. Minister's 14-1: 3. Minister's 14-1: 3. Minister's 14-1: 3. Minister's 15-1: 50-10-20. £3-40. DF: £30-10. CSF: £4-50. Tricser: £3-79. 39. Thos: £23-70. NR: Persistent Gunner.

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4.00: 1. CERTAIN ANGLE 13 Torney! 41: 2. Cool Character 33-1: 3. Polden Pride
11-4, 12 ran. 9-4 fav Master Orchestos [left].
4, 12 pt Hodds, Mincheadl. Total: £6.10;
£7.90. £9.50. £1.40. DF: £47.80. CSF:
£113.28. Trocast: £399.16. Tro: £230.20.

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4.30: 1. SUPREME KELLYCARRA II. Aspet, F. 1: 2. Councy Hour 16-1: 3. Vallegele 33-1. 15 ran. 11-4 tay Debbe's Darling 4, 4. J. Giffert, Findon). Tote: £9.40; £3.30, £3.20, £11.80, DF: £81.10. CSF: £113.72. Tax: £419.50.
Quadrot: £3.80, Placepot: £7.90.
Place 5: £18.28. Place 6: £25.53

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1.45: 1. HIGHBORN (K Dericy) 15-8 tax; 2. Seignourian 10-1; 3. Titer 7-1, 11 ran, 10d, 1-2, 19 Felsate, Lisbarn). Total: £3,10; £1.20, £2.70, £2.60, DF: £20.90, GSF: £21.52, Tro: £84.30. 215: L MAGEC MILL (S D Wilhams) 7-2;

Z.15. L. MAGRE NULL (S.) Vernous (\*\*). Z. Apache Lan. 1-5 fay; 3. Dector Braviotis 6-1. 9 ran. 2-1. 2. (F. O'Manory, Dermans-fare), Tota: £4.00, £1.50, £1.60, £1.50, DF: £4.50, CSF: £7.49, Troc. £5.70. 2.45: 1 HAND WOVEN U Carroll 6-1; 2-bolink Mischief 11-4 fav; 3. Vangranier 4.1. 7 ran. Nk. nk. (W Hagges, Newmarket).

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3.15: 1. FAIRY KNIGHT U Reid 6-1: 2.

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some to question whether a jockey can really be in full control of a half-ton thoroughbred standing tip-toe in his stirrups with just one hand on the reins and his eyes looking skywards. Rather than impose a policy from above, though, the Club has decided to ask the riders for their opinion.

"We don't want to be painted as killjoys, it's simply a case er, and whether that is brought into question by a jockey's celchratory antics," John Masse, of the Jockey Club, said yesterday. "We want feedback from them, and we want be saying anything about a second seminar place at Newbury on Thursday."

KEMPTON.

3.40 Simply George 4.10 Moobakkr

1.40 Kalasadi 2.40 Schnozzle

GOING: Good to Firm.

Another subject occupying minds at Portman Square is Declan Murphy's successful comeback ride on Jibereen at Chepstow three weeks ago, and the possibility that it was not entirely chance which allowed

RICHARD EDMONDSON

NAP: Charged (Kempton 3.10) NB: Reve En Rose (Kempton 210).

HYPERION

GOING: Good to First.

Regist-band course. Practically flat. Run-in of 200yd.

Reseccurse is on ABOS at Surbury. But link from Richmond Underground station. Kempton Park Referny Station adjoint crairse. ADMISSION: Club & Frankstand (combined) \$12 (Junior members \$10); Silver Ring \$5. CAR PARK: Members \$2; terminder, free.

ELEADING TRAINERS WITH EURNERS: M Pipe — 13 winners from 58 remotes given a success ratio of 12.6% and a profit to a 11 level stake of 521.73; D Nicholson — 12 winners, 61 runners, 19.7%, 523.68; J Gifford — 12 winners, 85 runners, 14.1%, 514.87; E

1.40 Higgs High FLYER NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 5f Penalty Value £2,346

- y menerou -BETTING: 5-4 Kalasari, 5-2 Wisley Wonder, 4-1 Magali, 6-1 Tanayestafiga, 12-1 Enlogy, 25-1 Nop-

KALASADI'S defeat of Sprung Brythm at Hummgdon lest time was clear-cut, but these two stood head and shoulders above the others on form and Sprung Rhythm was not quite at

2.10 JOHNSONS INFLITE UP, UP AND AWAY NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2m Pensity Value £3,501.

SETTING: 5-2 Send Roga, 11-4 Hobbely, 3-1 Reve En Rose, 5-1 Shirley's Train, 6-1 Persian Tection, 16-1 Vicuos, 20-2 Rest To The Roseses 1994: Lectard 7 11 10 J Osborne 4-9 (O Sherwood) 8 ran

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SEOD RIOGA tooled the purities when wroning at Fakenham on his responsance. It seemed on the cards trial course and trio (2m) would be too sharp for him, but he overcame a soft-ience blunder to win as he pleased from Nobledy who was already it. Connections of Nobled which has not been a soft of the work of the soft of the country of the course given that Nobledy has such an edge in stockness over regulation fences, but so closer given that Nobledy has such an edge in stockness cover from Intendige Roog has the potential to improve further. Prestain Tractics accommon in June of lest where he was admit of Vieness in a two-mate instead as the soft of set where he was admit of Vieness in a two-mate harder has the course of the set was already after an absence of more than a year, while Vicosa was just a moderate first of several part of the set of the second of

2.40 SPORTING LIFE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' CLAIMING HURDLE (CLASS F) £4,000 added 2m Penalty Value £2,723

12-1 Desert Challenger, 20-1 1994: No corresponding race

2402-51 KALASADI (USA) (11) (D) (G A Libson) Mess J S Doyle 4 11 3-

down Boy 1994: Lucky Doller B 16 10 N Wilhermenn 100-30 (K Belley) 7 mn

21001-1 SEOD ROSA (12) (D) (S P Tectal) S Melor 6 11 10....

2.10 Seod Rioga 3.10 DUHALLOW LODGE (nap)

Murphy to ride a horse which a few days previously he had exercised for Geoff Lewis in a warm-up for the race.

Jibereen was a well-backed for southern jockeys has taken 3-1 favourite for the race, a novelty event involving both flat and is poor. Ancecourses, however, next on his programme.

......Chris Wabb (5)

jump jockeys, and led through-

The Club's officials have yet to decide whether any action will be taken, "We were hoping to finish the investigation on Monday and a report now has to be written," David Pipe, the Director of Public Affairs, said yesterday. "The Stewards will then decide if there is a case to be answered."

On a different floor at Portman Square, the thorny issue of in the Plymouth Gin Haldon the 1996 fixture list was under further debate yesterday. Book- give Jamie Osborne a comeback makers, under pressure from the National Lottery, claim that of concussion. Huntingdon's too many meetings are due to he staged in the evenings and on he may meet his stable-mate Re-Sundays, when betting turnover mittance Man and Coultoo - is

are delighted at the high attendances at such meetings.

After a meeting with representatives of the Racecourse Association, Paul Greeves, the British Horseracing Board's Racing Director, did not rule out last-minute changes to the programme, a possibility which could render that racing diary you always get for Christmas thoroughly redundant.

ravado notched his th Gold Cup at Exeter yesterday to winner after 10 days out because Peterborough Chase - in which

1 32632-0 DANCENG RIVER (21) (C) N Crumberton 9 11 12 .. FORM GUIDE Schoozede fooked to be in with a chance stiff when falling in the Wordester hundle won by Chris's Gen 1.1 days ago. He had previously separated Let's Get Lot and Layham Low (win-ner since) at Ludlow but : OREDIC VALLEY had a decent chance at the weights and he was carrying 1.1st 1.1bb when tierd in a Taurition hundloop last time. The second that day, Chickcarrying List allow when time of a factoring control to brace to some effect, as day, these should, who at Ewriter yet renday. Progretifial control brace to some effect, as size did not not not fine specially, who stays farther, Added Dinner ... as a smillar channel to Schnoole through Lagham Low but he is a hard ... Inside to be dropped out the back early on. Captain Early has a channel with Channel Burrows takes a handy site Tandy has a channel with Channel Burrows takes a handy site Tandy has a channel with Channel Burrows takes a handy site of Nortic Valley's back.

Selection: NORDIC VALLEY. - 4 declared - BETTING: 10-11 Hooristins Dancer, 7-4 Able Player, 5-1 Dancing River, 14-1 Tall Measure

3.10 EVENING STANDARD TEROS DASH' HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3m Penalty Value £3,485 313F66- REPEAT THE DOSE 2772 (A T A Warrs) T Caser 10 12 0 313\*66 REPENT THE DOSE (272) O 1 A Watas IT Case; 10 12\*0. E. Marphy
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3-US\$11 CHARRED (10) (Bran Cooper P Hoots 6 10 10. Peter Hobbs

35F145 GEPA WALLI (217) (D) (Miss N F Theogen Mrs J Promen 5 10 3...... BETTERS: 7-4 Debators Lodge, 3-1 Cythers, 9-2 Charged, 7-1 Gilps Yatu, 10-1 Acrds Chilone, Repeat The Does, 12-1 Yearsen Warter 1984: Yorishro Gale 8 10 6 N Williamson 100-30 U Giforth 5 Ru

ners, 61 runners, 19.7%, \$22.68; J Gifford - 12 watners, 85 runners, 14.1%, \$14.87; E
Beiley - 9 winners, 41 runners, 22.1%, \$2.08.

E LEADING JOCKETS: J Osborne - 24 wins, 123 rides, 19.5%, \$15.90; R Dunwoody
- 22 wins, 98 rides, 72.4%, \$18.92; M A Pingerald - 12 wins, 56 rides, 21.4%, \$49.08; A
Magnire - 12 wins, 78 rides, 16.4%, \$24.20
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: None.
LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Dahallow Lodge (3.10) has been sent 184 miles by C R
Barwell from Stoodleigh, Devon; Shirley's Train (2.10), Changed (3.10) and Borrowed And
Blue (4.10) have been sent 155 miles by P Hobbs from Bilircok. Somerset. GILPA VALLI has won only once so tar, but on the occasion of that success, at Huntungdon lest February, he outgurned 15 mais in a novice handrap and did the job handry, being eased near the finish after puting away from Full Of Cass and Cerningson. He did not do so well on his two subsequent starts but, being only sit, there is a chance he can got better and he can cope with this laster ground. Repeat The Dose has hard a lean time since winning at Ascot in the 1992-83 compagn but did take a Towotstar two-miler less December. This trip stretches him and Duthaffow Lodge is another with something to prove at this tip. They are two of the equal topicings on 12st and the other is Cythere, into, conversely, is guaranteed to stay well but looked like a horse in decline last season. And Chillione, is storie out of the heardrap and nodes at oververight when 12th in the Scotlish National, goes well at right-hand venues, naving celliged at Folkestore (twos), Sandown and Ascart and he can be given a decant chance in this grade even if the 21th concession to Gipta Valu looks plenty. Changed is just out of the novce stags and the value of his Wincarnon defeat of Coole Dodger is questionable, even if it underlines that he will find the fast going to his libring. Yeomate Warrior was in novice company last season but he has a good chance on the pick of his form and much depends on his jumping.

Selection: GILPA VALU. FORM GUIDE

stood head and shoulders above the others on form and Sprung Rhythm was not quite at he best, jumping erratically at times and folding sooner than expected. Perhaps that puts a question-mark against the ment of the form, but Kalasad has a fair bit of hurding expenence and a line through Sprung Rhythm suggests he has the legs of Whaley Wooder. However, Monicasman, fifth in the Chetterham Festival humber, here already come out to with and Wisley Wooder, ninth in the same race, rates a danger here. Magain and Ediogy are grounds from the Irish point to-point circuit and though both were winners, they have placed to prove. Tensivestelligh has been placed many times without gaining that busher first you prove. Tensivestelligh has been placed many times without gaining that busher first with over hurdles and Kalasadi should have her measure.

Selection: KALASADI 3.40 ACE CUP (NOVICE CHASE) (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2m 4f 110yds Penalty Value £3,469

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411263 EMEN ROOM (21.4) (A TA Water) T Casey 8 11 3. PP- LORD VICK (236) DAYS S N / Embinose) Aless A Embinose 6 11 3

- 5 deciared - Supply George, 9-4 Lake Of Longires, 3-1 Even Flow, 18-1 Aedean, 18-1 Land Vick 1594: Durder Prince 6 11 0 N Willemson 4-1 (K Balley) 8 ran

EVEN FLUW looks a chaser in the meking and has the potential to do well. He has the stope and has won an lifely point to point, so there was pierrily to be encouraged about with the way he stoped once timber last sesson, writing at Southwell and here before a good ston of 25 to Bear Claw in a valuable nonce handloop over 2m 41 at Chettenham in March. Shappy George tooks up against it giving 5th but has a viral dage in experience and he has been either first or second on his seven starts over kendes sonce June, learning home General Command at Newbury. Lord Vielk has won an hish point to pork and so it is fair too early to write him off after being puried up on his two starts here last season. EVEN FLOW looks a chaser in the making and has the potential to do well. He has the ILL EVEN FLOW.

4.10 DENNIS PUBLISHING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS C) £5,000 added 470 plus 3m 110yds Penalty Value £3,485 122111/ HAPPY HORSE (NZ) (538) (D) (Najor lan Marrang R Hodges E 12 0\_\_\_\_\_\_ 31/3122- DOCKLANDS EXPRESS (SAT) (R H Barres) K Barley 13 12 0\_\_\_\_\_ 11-1322 MITHER (CAN) (12) (D) (EF) Process For Courses Record Club) O Notices on 4.11 8. 32113-4 (NARMR (18) (Mis Nargard Sampson) R Rove 5 10 12 20121-3 BORROWED MID BLIE (39) (Brein Cooper P Hotols 5 10 10 35-1112 SHERRY (54) (Chresopher P ) Brown J Hits 4 10 9 \_P Ho COLLISTS EXPORT DE PERINSE (7) INTO LIT ROWING O EMBRING 9 IN 7

13:131 MODRINGE (RISA) (25) (0) Can Quien K Morgan 4 10 3

32:16- MOUNTAIN REACH (15:1) (0) Rivering Wisson C Mean 5 to 0

- 20 declared Invariance (10:1) The handloop weight Mountain Reach 9st 13th.

BETTING: 3-1 Mondator, 7-2 Justillo, 5-1 Sheriff, 6-1 Hoppy Horse, Borrowed And Blue, 8-1 Karer, Docktonds Express, 10-1 others FORM GUIDE

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MOCBANKE has already besten tathib this season, gaving a five-length with at Market Rasen in September, and is weighted to confirm the form. Kevin Morgan's geiding had no trouble beating Fearless Wonder and Rosina Mae at Market Rasen last time, has been given a chance to treshen up and should like this course. Jathib ran well in defeat against Greet Marquess at Newbury out the handicapper does not give limit any respits. Happy Horse will probably need that area, his first for 539 days, under top weight and Docklands Express is probably hearing a pipe-opener, although its class could carry him dose. Maran looks best of the others but is not the easiest of nees and Wee Windy's chance depends on his stamma, elthough he gets 2m 61.

Selection: MOCBANKE. on his stamma, although he gets 2m 6t.

#### HAYDOCK

L20 Mill Thyme 1.50 Abla Player 2.20 Easthorpe 2.50 Most Equal 3.20 Desert Fighter 3.50 Spanish Light 4.20 Rachael's Dawn

COPAGE Good to Firm (Firm in places on Chase course). ■ Left-hand crouse with throp fences and two-furleng run-in.
■ Course is at june of AFRO and Mit. Newton station ilm, AD-MUSSION: County Stand 5.14; Tattersells 58; Newton Stand 5.8,51; (OAPs half-price in Tattersells & Newton Stand), CAR PARK: Free,

SIS. VII DOZ

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None,
LONG-DISTANCE BUNNERS; Vario 11 (2) & Most Equal (2.54)
have been sent 202 miles by M Pipe from Nicle Resingne, Devon: Eluga
English (2220) sent 10.2 miles by P Nicholik from Dischest, Somerset,

1.20 BIRCHFIELD NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,500 added 3YO 2m 

- 7 declared =

SETTING: Y-4 MR Thyroe, 2-1 Vario, 6-1 für Lowry, 6-1 Cause Chico, 10-1 Genheit, 14-1 Heathyoris Rock, 20-1 Socriey Mail Top

1.50 PRESTON AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,500 2m 4f

COLOS- TALL MEASURE (342) (D) O Search 19 10 P Sear

2.20 CHEFS LARDER HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS B) £10,000 added 2m 1221-11 EASTHORPE (25) (D) Miss H bright ? 11 10 .M A Fitzgo

Minimum weget: 10st, True handicap weget: Gesnera Sci 1th BETTMS: 4-6 Easthorpe, 11-8 Kinga English, 14-1 Gesnera

2.50 NISSAN FLEET HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £4,000 added 2m 

3.20 WARRINGTON NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £3,000 added 2m

tler Fight, 12-1 Runnig, 25-1 Millies Image, Moultazin

3.50 GLENGOYNE HIGHLAND MALT NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £6,000 added 3m - 2 declared -BETTING: 2-7 Spanish Light, 5-2 Boutson

4.20 TRIPLEPRINT MARES OPEN NH FLAT RACE (CLASS H) £1,500 added 2m

- 6 declared -BETTING: 1-2 Rachael's Dawa, 6-1 Dawwikimo, 10-1 Musical Vocation 24-1 Libratist, 18-1 Good Ventura, 25-1 Minnamoo

#### **NEWTON ABBOT** HYPERION L30 Hatcham Boy 2.00 Poetic Fancy 2.30 Act The Wag 3.00 Dino Malta (nb) 3.30 Abayard

4.00 Martell Boy 4.30 Castle Sweep GOING: Good to Soft ISoft in a few places).

Left-hand, sharp, course with short run-tit.

Course is N of fewin on ASSO, Newton Abbut station 1m. AD-MISSION. Tattersafts St. 50; Course S-1 (accompanied under-16st free). CAE PARE: Members £1; remainder free.

SIS All races WINNERS IN THE LAST NEVEN DAYS: Goldenswift [1.30] won 1 Stratford on Thursday.

LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Supreme Norman (4,301) has
seen 201 miles by J Pickering from Sharnford, Lewestersdare. 1.30 ST AUSTELL BREWERY NH NOVICE HUR-DLE (CLASS E) £3,000 2m 6f

HOT DOG R Brotherton 5 10 5 

— 16 deciared — BETTHER 7-2 Goldenswift, 4-1 Hetchen Boy, 5-1 Camp Bank, 9-1 Mr Cotton Socia, 10-1 Birtschlorn Bard, King Girseach, 12-1 others 2.00 OLD TRAFFORD SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,600 added 2m 1f

35550-4 ALYKYS MEADY 54 NR Model 9 11 10 \_South Mitchel (5) 3350-04 ALMATS READT (54) N R Morbil 9 11 10 \_\_sophic libithed (5)
42-9033 CORRIN MEL (20) (0) R Hodges 8 11 10 \_\_T Osacombe (7)
42-9033 CORRIN MEL (20) (0) R Hodges 8 11 10 \_\_T Osacombe (7)
42-501 POETC FANCY (13) (0) N Teaston-Daves 4 11 10 \_\_T Jenks
(200P- WHITEBONNET (204) C Egertan 5 11 6 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 0 Salangher
120P-16 DURBHAN (20) (0) R Sempson 4 11 5 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 0 Salangher
120P-16 DURBHAN (20) (0) R REST (11 4 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 18 E J. Jenes (7)
3305-PP BOOGE BOPPER (11) (0) (0) M Poe 6 11 4 \_\_\_\_\_ D Bridgester
13345-9 CANDLE (10) (0) N Marriels 7 11 1 \_\_\_\_\_\_ C Brown
(54000) DRAMATIC EVERT (530) J S Moore 10 11 1 \_\_\_\_\_ W McParland 10 204500- COMMANCHE CREEK (156) (D) Mics 1 cu Plesse 5 11 D..... 11 0P04-P TROUBLE SHOOT (23) (8F) Ms id McCour 5 10 11. A Ringshe
11 6F0 SUPERMECK (342) W Murr 4 10 8. M Richards
13 UCOSOS QUBCH MELLION (29) Multins 4 10 4. S. Righton (7)
14 CPP URSUSPECIOUS (602) P Reh 5 10 3. R Farrant
15 002300 VERRIO (185) K Behop 8 10 0. L Harvey

2.30 RODGERS OF BRIXTON NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4.100 added 2m 5f 110yds \_\_\_\_\_ F Titley \_\_\_\_\_ D Selter (5) 

BETTING: 4-1 Act The Wag, 5-1 Tricksome, Prince Teston, 6-1 Myland, 7-1 Ottowa, 8-1 Same Difference, Doc Cotrill, 10-1 others

3.00 WILLIAM HILL TRIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS C) £3,500 added 2m 1f 

8 40C433 HOLD YOUR RANKS (186) (CD) K Fros 8 10 0 \_\_\_\_\_ 9 1-6 NEVEROUD (18) M Afrem 5 10 0 \_\_\_\_ 10 /PP111 DAILY SPORT GPL (231) (CD) 8 Levelyn 5 10 0 \_\_\_\_ 

3.30 FAUCETS NOVICE CLAIMING HURDLE (CLASS F) £2,600 added 3m 3f

320093 NOTIMAN'S COMMINICED (151) M Pipe 5 11 12 D Biddiguster
30P4-30 ROOTSMAN (15) B Lievellyn 5 11 8 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Mr J L Llewellyn
09300 F ABAMARD (14) R Frost 6 11 4 \_\_\_\_\_\_ J Frost
5400 FORCINET WO (13) GET N I WISTON-Davies 4 11 2 \_\_\_\_\_ T Jentis
0500 RISAMARE (21) C Romes 5 11 4 \_\_\_\_\_ G Upton
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Sir John Hall's zeal

North-east frontier

By Paul Stephens

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is opening up the

Cir John Hall's vision of pro-

raphers on 24-hour standby as he-

rector of rugby development at a reported salary of £150,000.

Many thought Hall had misread

Those views are having to be re-

at what has happened since he ap-pointed Kevin Keegan as manager when Newcastle United were

£6.5m in debt and facing relega-tion to the old Third Division for

the first time in their history.

We put £28m

into developing our ground and have

spent a net £34m on

players since Kevin

arrived," Hall says,

"and we'll adopt the

same strategy for

rugby, I've no doubt

in the Second Divi-

sion this season and

lift the team into the

First the year after.

share our dreams.

Rugby is only a part,

but an important

part. We are already

into ice hockey and

football, and we will

soon annonnee plans

to bring basketball,

athletics, golf and

the umbrella of New

newspaper and maybe a TV chan-

nel, dedicated to sport in the North-east. Exciting isn't it?"

about Andrew's lack of coaching ex-

perience. "Kevin was a player when we signed him, just like Rob. He had

no coaching or managerial experi-

ence either. But what we bought

was a quality man, and I believe we

John Hall you realise that his en-

thusiasm for rugby is the conse-

quence of a constant source of energy which would be impressive

Within minutes of meeting Sir

have one in Rob Andrew."

Hall brushes aside questions

"Roh wants to

that Roh will keep us

be changed forever.

This way to the revolution The return of Jonathan Davies to rugby union could herald the

By Steve Bale

JONATHAN DAVIES

1995: Led Wales to victory in the Eu

start of a new era for Wales

t has generally been forgotten during the wist-ful years of Jonathan Davies's exile and the frantic days leading to yesterday's return that when Davies gave up on rugby union in January 1989 - thinking never to be allowed to return - his game was actually at its lowest ebb.

At the time, regrettable though it was, Davies's departure did not quite seem the absolute calamity it was to become. Hindsight showed that Wales, and the Lions of 1989, had lost an all-time great, but

we did not know that then; nor did we realise that Davies was setting a trend that would be followed by another 13 Welsh internationals down Height: 5ft 8in. to Scott Quinnell last year.

Yet in what turned out to be his farewell international. Davies had captained Wales to one of the humiliations that were to become commonplace, a bome defeat by Romania, and it is more or less certain that had he stayed in union he would have been relieved of the

1991: Shattered Widnes' points in a season record with 342, and set Welsh In fact, I have heard it said be might even have lost his place in the team who then went into the 1989 Five Nations' Championship. All of which ropean Championship and to senti-finals of Halifax Centenary World Cup. only goes to show that at the time of his departure from Llanelli for Widnes, Davies was down on his luck

and, in the parochial way of things Welsh, nowhere near as honoured in his own country as he became. The six years of his absence have lent more than a golden glow because, now that he is suddenly restored

to the land and game of his fathers by joining Cardiff from Warrington, he is a figure of Messianic propor-tions. Never mind Cardiff: at 33. Davies has two, maybe three, years in which to save Welsh rugby. When he went, he was widely regarded as one of the greatest unfulfilled talents that Welsh rugby had ever seen. To be playing poorly in a Welsh team playing poorly was forgivable, but the fact that Davies - unlike, say, Barry John or Phil Bennett - had not been surrounded by others of similar quality meant

we would never know what he might have been. Still, we have seen what he became in rugby league, and even in his declining years he appears to he fitter and stronger, if not necessarily faster, than he was when he turned professional. Hence the widespread feeling that he should be restored to the Wales team, quite possibly as captain, with

minimum delay.

Alas for Davics – and possibly for Wales as well - as far as the immediate future is concerned it is too late, the team to play Fiji on Saturday week having already been chosen. In any case, there would have been an indecent haste about such a promotion while Davies was still reacquainting himself with such unfamiliarities as line-outs, flankers and prop-

er scrummaging.

But if popular sentiment has anything to do with whether his new it, it will happen in due course and if a fit and flourishing Davies were to return for Wales in the Five Nations in the new year, it would be the higgest lift - psychologically as much as anything - Welsh rugby has had since Davies himself first made the team as a 22-year-old in 1985.

That the most prominent advocate of Davies's reelevation is John Williams, better known as a fabled full-back than in his most recent incarnation as a selector, adds substantially to his case, although in Wales JPR's intervention in an occasionally awkward debate has caused a ferocious row involving the club of the outside-half incumbent, Neil Jenkins.

Williams, a playing contemporary of both John and Bennett, has no truck with Jenkins's cramped type of stand-off play, believing it to be intrinsically non-Welsh and that Welsh back play will never have its credibility restored as long as such a prosaic player fills such a pivotal position.

He could, of course, never have said this of Davies, and if Davies were to become available, Williams said, he should go straight back in. The remarks were made in a Sunday newspaper, and two days later the team to whose se-

This was the cue for uproar, Pontypridd demanding Williams's resignation for breaching collective Played for: Neath and Uanelli. League winners' medals: Champ selectorial responsibility by impugning their player. To date, he has not complied. Instead, Davies has become availorship, Premiership (two), Regal Trophy, Lancashire Cup, Chanty Shield (two), World Cup Challenge. 1962: Born Trimsaran, near Llanelli. able just as Williams

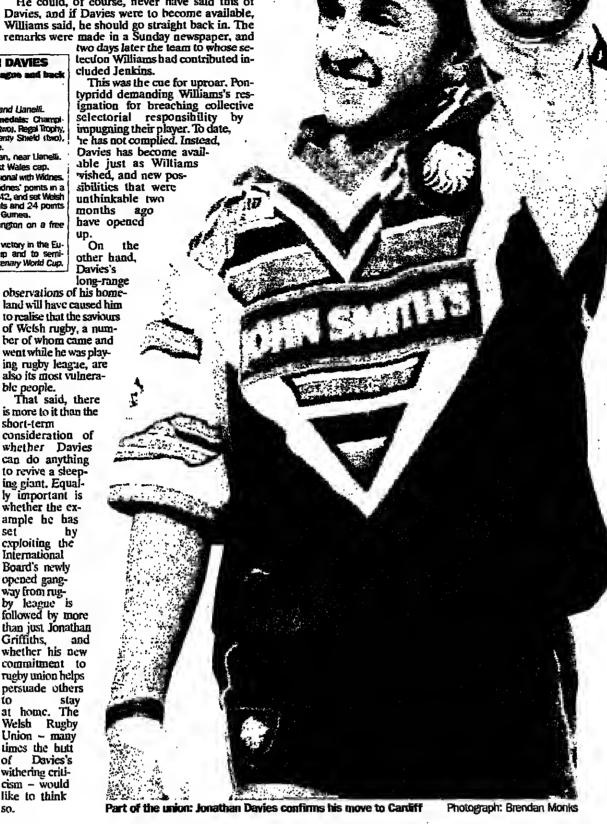
wished, and new possibilities that were unthinkable two months ago have opened

observations of his homeland will have caused him to realise that the saviours of Weish rugby, a number of whom came and went while he was play-

ble people. That said, there is more to it than the short-term consideration of whether Davies can do anything to revive a sleeping giant. Equally important is whether the example he has

Board's newly opened gangway from rugfollowed by more than just Jonathan commitment to rugby union helps persuade others

at home. The Welsh Rugby Union - many times the butt of Davies's withering criticism - would like to think



# RFU standing firm behind the 120-day rule

AND PAUL STEPHENS

The controversial 120-day registration rule preventing players from turning out for new clubs immediately, is unlikely to be abandoned, the president of the Rugby Football Union, Bill Bishop,

intimated vesterday. The news will frustrate further the First Division clubs itching to make progress in the professional era, and may hasten a testing of the RFU rules in court.

The RFU's commission on

is due to publish its report next week and the matters it raises will then be discussed, first by the executive committee of the RFU then by a special general meeting nearer Christmas. Bishop said yesterday: "I don't think we have dragged our feet. We introduced the moratorium to protect the game, to protect the clubs. We started the season under a set of rules and

same set of rules. "I feel we are in charge. But I'm conscious if I fail, this game will go down."

we will finish it under the

Bishop's stance is at odds any of the English clubs, how ith the First Division clubs, much is a TV deal worth with with the First Division clubs. to whom Newcastle's new owner, Sir John Hall, outlined his vision of the future on

Monday night. Speaking to the directors of English First Division Clubs Ltd, the organisation created before the start of the season, to look after the interests of the 10 clubs in the top flight plus Northampton, Hall advocated a club-led breakaway following the example of the Premiership football clubs. "If ITV are willing to put up

money, but sooner or later the top clubs will have to be masters of their own destiny. Ideally this could be done with the consent of the RFU. But if they won't give it, then the clubs must consider going it alone." Hall was invited to the meeting by Peter Wheeler, Leicester's president, who

the English clubs in it?" he

said. 'At the moment Twick-

enham control all the TV

shares much of Hall's vision for the sport. "We didn't only talk about money," Wheeler said, "Our meeting covered to English rugby.

all aspects, including con-tracts for players and Europe, where we all want to be."

Hall had to overcome some initial hostility from clubs whose players have been attracted to Kingston Park. "There was a frank exchange of views," Wheeler said, "but any hostility to soon evaporated. He addressed our meeting because his experience in football of working with a professional club in a fully-paid sport, where building up revenue is essential, has to be beneficial

The International Rugby

game open in August and we have to react to that. We have to be more professional in our

approach. The findings of a report by an EFDC working party will be announced at a special meeting on 13 November. Two Wasps defectors to Newcastle, Dean Ryan and Steve Bates, are in the London Division squad to play Western Samoa on 29 November. There is a vacancy at stand-off and the coach. Tony Jordan has not ruled out the possibility of Roh Andrew

in a man half his age. He speaks

at Ben Elton's speed with the conviction of a Margaret Thatcher as he looks at rugby's future and the prospects for the game on Tyneside in his and Rob Andrew's care. Certainly there is an ego, though not self-aggrandisement: Hall already has enough monuments to satisfy that. "I've made my money out of the Northeast," Hali is fond of repeating, "and I want to put some of it back

raphers on 24-hour standby as ne-boldly attempts to redraw the sporting map of the North-east. If Hall's revolutionary plans come to fruition – and yesterday's cap-ture of Tony Underwood is an-other step along the road – the contours of English club rugby will be changed forever. one suspects, contained no element of philanthropy.

We're entering the game with out eyes open and we intend to be one of England's top 10 clubs," be says. "It won't happen overnight. But anyone in property like me, He was aiming at nothing less takes a long-term view. Rob's when, in early September, he announced the takeover of New-castle Gosforth Rugby Club and engaged the England and Wasps' outside-half Rob Andrew as dihere for five years, and in that time

into the North-east." What lim-

ited altruism there is in that aim

hard-headedness with which Hall

has entered rugby. The decision,

we expect to make a profit."

Not surprisingly, Andrew agrees. "People in the North-east are sports mad," he says. "Sir John wants to turn Kingston Park into a 20,000 all-seater stadium. If we succeed, we'll fill it. It's all about the topography of a sport he knows nothing about, or that he was engaged in a fanciful ego-trip. success—the following for the England team is proof of that. Interest in the game has gone through the roof since England started to considered swiftly, and in truth, those who know Sir John Hall, scoffed at such conclusions. Look

do well. Winning three Grand Slams and getting to a World Cup final has done this, nothing else.

"I've got no doubt it can be achieved. There's a lot of good players up here. And when Dean Ryan, Nick Popplewell, Steve Bates, Graham Childs, John Dixon and our other signings are

eligible we shall have a very good team." Scale has never inhibited John Hall as he climbed his seemingly irresistible selfmade way into the table of Britain's richest 500 after leaving Bedlington Grammar School in

1949. The son of a

ROVE'S

Montgomeric

Northumberland miner, Hall qualified as a surveyor and then, in 1979, he raised £1m to huy a plot of land in Gateshead which eventually became the site of the Metro-Centre, Europe's biggest out-of-town

shopping complex.
Within seven years Hall's wager had procastle United Sport- Pioneers: Sir John Hall duced spectacular (top) and Rob Andrew dividends. Twelve

months later he apdea. At Sporting Club of Laston land and purchased 6,000 acres they have 80,000 members, based on the football club but offering from the Marquess of Londonderry which included the stately a multi-sports facility. We want to Wynyard Hall, where he and his do that on Tyneside. We could easily bring in 100,000 members. All wife Mae now live. Much of that acreage is being the people of our region can take part. They will have their own

turned into a business park. The most recent big-name arrivals are the Korean giants, Samsung, who are investing £450m in an electronics plant. The land, acquired by Hall for £3m, is now worth nowards of 20 times that amount. With this sort of wealth, Hall can afford to be bold as he attempts to fulfil his sporting dreams.

When Hall speaks in schools or to local business groups, he has the fervour of an Old Testament preacher. "If I can do it, there's nothing to stop you doing it," is his clarion call. "We are fighters in the North-east and the investment in the region by companies from all parts of the world over the last decade is a tribute to the excellence of our people."

Hail's is no good-luck story or a simple rags-to-riches tale. Although he possesses no inalienable right to succeed in rugby there is an inexorability about his way which suggests he will. Like Sir John Hall's participation in the game, the revolution in club rugby has only just begun.

#### £20m for a European competition which doesn't contain

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6 Newcastle v Liverpool .

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9 West Ham v Aston Villa

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Playing Sunday: Everton v Blackburn

Playing Monday: Nottingham Forest v Wimbledon (Pools panel vote).

ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION Notes County v Brantford (7.45) THIRD DIVISION

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Second Division

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WEEKEND FIXTURES AND POOLS FORECAST

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27 Swindon v Blackpool.

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22 Cambridge Utd v Scarborough .

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38 Hereford v Marisfield.

39 Preston v Leyton Orient

40 Sounthorpe v Rochdale.

37 Lincoln v Hantiepool

45 Wigan v Fulham

Rugby League

STONES CENTENARY CHAMPIONSHIP: Bratierd v Casteford (7.45); London Broncos v St. Helens (7.30); Oldham v Worldington (7.30); Warrington v Haiffax (7.30). Feast Division: Battley v Reighey (7.30); Feast Division: V Rochdate (7.30); Safford v Walvefield (7.30); Whitehaven v Dowsbury (7.30); Whore v Hull (7.30). Second Division: Branley v Berrow (7.30); Doncaster v Highleid (7.30) (Doncaster Rovers FC); Hull KR v Cartisle 17.30).

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47 Dumbarton v St Johnstone

48 Greenock Morton v Airdne

Also playing (not on coupons): Dursermane v St Maren, Hamilton v Dundee.

Playing Sunday: Scottish League Challeng: Cup finel: Dundee United v Stephousemair.

45 Motherwell v Celtic

46 Rangers v Falkirk

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50 Clyde v Montrose ..

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Surrey v Mid diesex (7.30) (Imber Court). TPP-EX COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Cambridgeshire v Essex (7.30) (Shelford); Norfolk v Suffolk (7.30) (North Walsham). CLUB MATCH: Percy Park v Newcasti

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Third Division 54 Albion v Ross County EE Alloa v Livingston . 56 Brechin v Cowdenbear 57 Caledonian T v Arbrosti 58 East Stirling v Queen's Park Pour draws: Arsenal v Manchester United, Newcastle United v Liverpool, Barnsley v Wolverhampton Wanderers, Sounthorpe

United v Rochdale. Five aways: Tottenham Hotspur, Norwich City, Wycombe Wanderers, Celtic, Ross Coun-

wen hommis: Middlesbrough, Nottingham For-est, ipswich Town, Carlisle United, Oxford United, Swindon Town, Gillingham. P. Chyde, East Fife.

#### **One final Wimbledon for Bates** Bates, who intends to sample

JOHN ROBERTS

opting to turn out.

reports from Telford

tt was the day's most interesting changeover. Jeremy Bates announced that he would retire after Wimhledon next year just as Greg Rusedski was signing autographs following a successful debut match at the Guardian Direct National Championships. The Canadian-born Ruscds-

ki supplanted Bates as the British No 1 in the world rankings when the International Tennis Federation ratified his switch of allegiance in May, and the 33-year-old from Solihull now finds himself placed behind Tim Henman, Chris Wilkinson and Mark Petchey at No 147. Although Bates achieved his

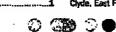
highest ranking, No 54, in April, he decided before this year's Wimbledon that he would allow himself no more than another 12 months after 16 years travelling as Britain's best - and many times only - hope of success.

various aspects of work within tennis, including coaching, manremembered best for his efforts at Wimbledon and in the Davis Cup. At the All England Club, he defeated Michael Chang in the first round in 1992, coming within a point of the quarterfinals, and advanced to the fourth round again in 1994. He won the mixed doubles with Jo Durie in 1987, and the pair lifted the

Australian Open title in 1991. The dearth of talent in the British game is such that for many years Bates carried the responsibility for Davis Cup results in hoth singles and doubles. After 20 consecutive ties, he retired from the competition following the defeat by Romania in Manchester in 1994. In the opening rubber, Bates was defeated by the 17year-old Razvan Sabau after leading by two sets and 5-1 and

holding three match points. Bates lacked two of Rusedski's advantages: a mighty serve An ever-present at these

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ers coming through, headed hy Henman, who promise to raise agement and the media, will be standards. "I think having somebody like Greg, who is ranked so high, is pretty good for everybody," Bates said.

championships since their in. ception in 1983, Bates has dominated the singles and doubles. with six wins in each. He is weeded to meet Rusedski in Sunday, final, although Henman could present a serious threat in the semis. The 21-year-old from Oxford won his opening match. 6-2, 6-4, against Ian Bates, a

Hampshire junior.
Rusedski defeated the 10. year-old Colin Bennett, a wild card from Ross-on-Wyc, 6-2 6-1. Bates begins his valedicto. ry Nationals today against Nick Weal, of Hampshire

Rachel Viollet, the 22-yearold daughter of Dennis Viollet, the former Manchester United and England forward, heat Monique Javer, 6-1, 6-3



Photograph: David Ashdown

### **Scots give Britain** formidable start

Hockey

BILL COLWILL reports from Bisham Abbey Great Britain

Scotland's Pauline Robertson and Sue MacDonald each scored twice, after their Scottish team-mate Sue Fraser had given Britain a fourth-minute lead, in the first of the threematch Test series against Russia yesterday.

Great Britam, who leave on Sunday for Cape Town and the Olympic qualifier, were in Cardwell also complimented aggressive mood as they tore into the Russian defence, with the impetus coming from Mandy Davies and Robertson

A hard tackle in midfield prompted Davies's advance nio the Russian half to win the first penalty corner which Fraser converted. Ten minutes later. Jane Sixsmith's cross from the right found Robertson unmarked to score the second. and her second goal came just before the interval when she converted Britain's sixth penal-

When MacDonald was floored by Gulsum Musina.

the Russian goalkeeper, nine minutes into the second half. she converted the resulting penalty stroke herself. With just one minute remaining MacDonald put the icing on the cake with her second, following up at Britain's only penalty corner of the half after Fraser's initial lob had bounced off the

Jenny Cardwell, the Great Britain manager, expressed her satisfaction after the game: "Delighted to score five," she said. "We dominated the first

the Russians un their individual skills, some of which were delightful, but she felt it was not a great team effort. A stronger team performance today in the second Test, also at Bisham Abbey, would better suit

Apbey, Would Deffer Sulf Britain's preparations. GREAT BRITAIN: J Thompson typswich, S Fraser (Grove, J Atkins (Bradford Switnen-Leucester); M Dawies (Sutton Coldfield, P Robertson (Grove), T Miller (Citton); J Sk-smith (Sutton Coldfield), S MacDonald (Glasgow Western, R Simpson (Ednburgh Larbest, Substitutes used: M Nicholis (Slough), A Bennett (Slough), C Cook (Hightown), D Renlison (Ednburgh Lades). Hightowni, D Rentison (Edinburgh Cades)
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medi: O Leetin, O Ushova, N Zachenko.
Umpires: J Clarke and M Hunnaball (Eng.).

# Rangers face uphill struggle

Rangers' impending collision Ucfa limitation. If necessary, with the Scottish Pootball Association will gain momentum tion. The SFA, meanwhile, are if, as expected, they fail to beat duventus in the Champions' League tonight.

The Scottish champions be-tieve they are fatally handicapped in Europe hy Ucfa's "three foreigners" ruling and are determined to get it overturned. However, the SFA, anxinus that their game is not swamped by foreign imports,

The recent judgement in the Mare Bosman case has sharpened positions. Donald Finlay. the vice-chairman of Rangers. has written to the European Commission, asking it to uphold the decision of the European Court of Justice to outlaw the decisional and a member of Court of Justice to outlaw the Court

Blackburn Rovers have had

the wool pulled over their eyes

in every Champions League

fixture so far. It therefore

seemed apt, on the eve of u

gaine they must win to retain

any chance of making the quar-

yesterday admitted his interest

As Blackburn prepared to re-

ceive Legia Warsaw in their

fourth Group B game, their

manager was pondering an of-

fer for Regi Blinker. 26, a

Blinker has fallen from favour

since Arie Haan replaced Wim

Van Hanegem as coach, are

ready to sell for £1m, and Har-

in a player called Blinker.

one of the main lobbyists attempting to get the verdict re-

Rangers' believe that there are simply not enough quality players of Scottish extraction to sustain a Champions' League challenge. Thuse that are about, like Gary McAllister, are difficult to prise away from their clubs. Even more worrying is the

are equally keen to maintain it. lack of promising young players. notwithstanding the success of Scotland's Under-21 and youth sides. Finlay, when pressed last week about his uwn club's emerging talent, named Charlie

Everion tomorrow.

ter-finals, that Ray Harford conceded that with hindsight,

Blinker's arrival would help

restore the balance and left-sided

width Blackhurn have lacked

since injury forced out Jason

Wilcox in February, Harford

they should have bought Glenn

Helder when he was available.

The problem has been com-

pounded lately by the absence of

Graeme Le Saux, with the cham-

pions forced to use right-footed

winger with four caps for the Netherlands. Fevenoord, where squad, which has prompted a the favourite ahead of Chris Sut-

spree on Lars Bohinen, Billy

McKinlay and Graham Fenton.

means Legia can expect few sur-

prises either in personnel or tac-

players in unfamiliar roles.

the Scots in the Champions' League,

Manchester United's European Cup-winning squad, said yester-day; "You wonder where the young players are. Either the talent is not there, or they are not prepared to wait for it. There

writes Glenn Moore

never used to be lots of foreign players in Scotland - or English ones, Instead, the top English sides - United, Liverpool, Tottenham - always had two or three Scots. But now, after McAllister and Colin Hendry, you are strug-

Rovers rely on same old recipe

Blackburn's slim

hopes of survival in

the European Cup

words, "only 80 to 90 per cent

gible, the only query is over who

replaces Bohinen, who has gala-

vanised Blackburn since joining

Paul Warhurst, who filled in

effectively for the cup-tied Nor-

ion and Matty Holmes.

Warhurst was one of numerous

disappointments in Poland a

formight ago, but Harford be-

from Nottingham Forest

fit", and the newcomers ineli-

appears he is likely to face Phil Shaw looks at acced in the

Problems mount for one team in the league and another in Europe. It also affects English clubs. You look at the matches involving British teams at the moment and we are not on the same planet."

Rangers' problem with the ruling has been highlighted by selection problems for lonight. With Gordon Duric, Alan McLaren and Alex Cleland suspended, and David Robertson injured, they may be forced to play Stuart McCall and John Brown, neither of whom are fully fit, as well as the inexperienced Neil Murray. Paul Gascoigne is back - but

so is Gianluca Vialli for Juventus. Juve won the first meeting

es since then can help Black-

have been good all season," he

said, "and Saturday's win over

passing and movement were ex-

cellent. We put them under

constant pressure without re-

sorting to Wham-bam-thank-

in the European Cup. the last

two followed bright Premiership

displays. These rude awakenings

underlined a chasm in quality

which, extraordinarily for a club

Director of Football, appeared

to catch them unawares. Now,

anything less than victory over

American Football

Of Blackburn's three defeats

you-ma'am stuff."

"Our home performances

burn break their duck.

Vialli "is their main influence. the player who creates things" If Rangers fail to win, they will be left needing to beat Borussia Dortmund in Germany and Steaua Bucharest at home - plus helpful results

elsewhere - to qualify. Celne, who - as their fans regularly remind Raogers-won the European Cup with 11 Scotsmen, also have a crucial match this week. They host Paris St-Germain in the European Cup-Winners' Cup tomorrow, having lost the first leg I-0.
Failure at both Ihrox and

Parkhead will almost certainly leave Scotland, once again, out of Europe before Christmas. Apart from the lawyers and lob-byists, that is,

pended libero Jacek Zielinski -

and the game will almost cer-

their penultimate match, away

against Legia and Rosenborg

Trondheim could leave Black-

burn in a three-way tie behind

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siage tast year. Manchester

United had five points yet still

failed to qualify. In five seasons

of the Champions League no

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A more realistic target might

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Chelsea was the best by far. The to Spartak Moscow, home wins

which boasts Kenny Dalglish as he beating PSV Eindhoven's

#### stadiums' The Football Trust claimed yesterday that the organisation. which helps fund stadium redevelopment, has lost more than a third of its income hecause of the effect of the Na-

**'Lottery** 

damages

tional Lottery. Pools firms are the game's largest source of external funding - around £45m a year - but have been hadly hit by the Lottery. That has had a spin-off effect on the Trust, forcing a

struggling to bring their grounds into line with the Taylor Report. "Football has been the country's largest Lottery loser," the Trust chairman, Lord Aberdare, said in his annual report. "Almost all the Trust's resources depend on the prosperity of the pools companies. The 35 per cent de-

cline in our income has forced us

reassessment of grants to elubs

to reassess our grant aid policy." grant aid in 1994-95 to assist elubs in implementing Taylor recommendations, but that level of funding might not be maintained, Lord Aberdare warned. "Much remains to be done at the smaller clubs, whose needs are now the greatest and whose means are the least," he said. "But there is a dark cloud

banging over future funding." The Trust has also awarded grants for safety and improvement work, community schemes, anti-hooligan measures and the anti-racism campaign. Income in 1994-95 came from two pools sources. £23m from the reduction in Pool Betting Duty and £13m from the Littlewoods Spot the Ball competition.

# Arsenal fail in £6.5m Ince bid

NICK DUXBURY

Arsenal yesterday had to admit that their plan to bring Paul Ince back from Italy had several flaws - namely that Internazionale did not want to sell, the player did not want to leave and Manchester United have first refusal on any transfer.

Surprisingly, Bruce Rioch, the Gunners manager, had not been involved in the move for Ince and it was the managing director, Ken Friar, who confirmed that Inter were "not prepared to transfer the player at this time".

Ince was quoted in Italian newspapers as saying that he was not going anywhere. After just three months, it would be a failure, an embarrassment for me." The final world came

pen," he said. Juninho has put country before club by insisting on playing for Brazil in a friendly against Argentina next Wednesday the same night that Middlesbrough entertain Crystal Palace in a Coca-Cola Cup replay. The £4.75m midfielder will fly back to South America after his Premier League debut against

Leeds on Saturday. "Juninho is committed to the international match and we must respect that." Bryan Robson, the Middleshrough manager, said, "All Brazilian players in Europe are going hack for the game. We will adapt a common sense policy over future internationals."

One man free to watch Juninho in Buenos Aires is Ossie Ardiles, who was sacked yesterday by the Mexican side. Guadalajara, after just 10 matches - a year to the day af-ter being dismissed by Totten-

Roy Keane's four-match suspension will be used to sort out his suspected bernia problem. If it is a hernia, surgery after Manchester United's visit to Arsenal on Saturday - Kcane's last before starting his suspension - could see him back in aetion on Boxing Day against Newcastle at Old Trafford. United, however, are aware tary that the Republic of Ireland seen have an important European lige-Championship qualifier in Por- Ith. rugal on 15 November, and the may delay Keane's treatment. ance

from Alex Ferguson at Man-chester United. "Until Inter for Arsenal's Ian Wright who The sidelines also beckon nonhan after being booked for the sixth time this season in Monday's 1-0 defeat at Bolton.

Burnley's home FA Cup first round tie with Walsall has been brought forward a day to 10 November owing to the selection of the Walsall goalkeeper Trevor Wood for the Northern Ireland squad.who play Austria in their crucial European Championship Group Six qualifier in Belfast on 15 November.

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#### ford may travel to Rotterdam if ties. With Le Saux, in Harford's lieves the confidence recov-Montgomerie 'too tired' to play

Colm Montgomerie, who won his third successive Volvo Order of Merit title on Sunday, has withdrawn from this week's dcr of Merit, it has left me ab-£1.1m Sarazen World Open. solutely exhausted, both The Scot was to have played with the defending champion, Ernie Els. and the Open champion. John Daly, on Thursday.

Montgomeric secured the Volvo title by a single shot from Sam Torrance only a week after the pair, with Andrew a record £835,000 this year. Coltart, helped Scotland to win the Alfred Dunhill Cup for the first time. Torrance will now take his place for the Sarazen event in Braselton, Georgia.

\*Unfortunately, the last few weeks have taken their toll and whilst I am obviously delighted to have won the European Orsolutely exhausted, both mentally and physically," Moni-

gomerie said. Montgomerie, who finished second to Germany's Alexander Cejka in the European Tour's season-ending Volvo Masters at Valderrama on Sunday, earned

The Sarazen tournament's director, Lon Fellenz, was disappointed at Montgomerie's decision. "I'm disappointed because he would have been a big

addition to the field and it would have been nice for Atlanta to see a player of his cal-

ihrc." Fellenz said. The winners of the four majors and all national opens in the two-year period ending with the Open were invited to the PGA European Tour approved Sarazen event. Els. Daly and Torrance head the field along with Mark Calcavecchia, Brad Faxon, Mark O'Meara, Lee Janzen, Craig Stadler and Fuzzy Zoeller, from the American tour.

Greg Norman, three times a winner on the US Tour this season, has won his first PGA Player of the Year award.

stating national son due to a knee injury. NPL: Chicago 14 Minne AMERICAN POOTBALL CONFERENCE

Drags in sport

Dmitry Sheychenko, the Russian Grand Prix discus champion, has been benned for four years after testing positive for steroids. Sheuchenko tested positive for a metandienone metabolite at the Grand Prix meet in Cologne, Germany on 18 August, and the analysis of a sec-ond sample confirmed the presence of the banned substance.

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Rugby League

The French team, St Estève, will not be allowed to play their Regal Trophy second round merch against Workington at home. The Rugby Football League decided not to alter the tournament rules. which state that French sides should always play away from home – at this stage, although they are considering a charge for next season.

Kalghley's home tie against SI Helens will be the televised match on Saturday, 11 November, with a 1.10pm kick-off.

Rughy Union

Newport have signed Rod Snow, the Ca-nadian World Cup prop. Snow comes on the recommendation of the Weish club's Canadian stand-off, Gareth Rees. Leinster will be without Ned Francis, the Ifsh lock, for their European Cup opener in Milan today. Francis is suffering with a calf injury and 21, year-old Malcolm O'Kelly will take his place. The Italian captain, Massimo Cuttita, will also miss the match, as one of the casualties from the national team's heavy de-feat by New Zealand last weekend. Swansee's 21-year-old newcomer, Gary match against Munister at Thomond Park, Limenck, today. The Welsh cup holders have lost five of their interna-tionals including Tony Clement, the cap-tain, and scrum-half Robert Jones.

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Simon Parke, the former world junior

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chamon, will lead England's challenge for the World Team Championship in Cairo next month after Peter Marshall declared himself unfit. Britain's Chris Willinson, who chose to miss this week's Guardian Direct British National Championships, lost 6-7, 7-6, 6-4 to Martin Damm of the Czech Republic in the first round of the ATP Chal-

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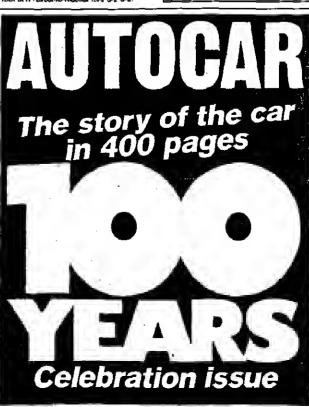
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#### McRae awaits team orders Prean refuses Motor sport Scotland's Colin McRae must

wait to find out whether he will be hindered by Suharu team orders in his attempt to become next season." Battain's first world rally cham-Pipa next month.

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tablished at the top of the table," he said. "We wish Carlos every success in the future and will certainly be presenting him with his major opposition

Subaru expect shortly to announce a new leam-mate for McRae, who will stay on with the Banbury-based outfit for the next two years, and Richards promised that his team would be just as formidable next year. "Colin is the sort of driver on whom it's possible to build a strong, committed, successful team - something that has not always been possible in the past, he said.

Niki Lauda, the former Formula One world champion, said yesterday that Ferrari will decide by the end of the year if he is to continue as adviser to the Italian team and its newly signed driver, the world champion-elect Michael Schumachcr. "I'm willing to stay at Ferrari, if my presence is con-sidered useful," Lauda said.

# **England call**

Carl Prean, the national champion, has refused to play for England in today's European Superleague match against Austria at Leeds because Chen Xinhua, this country's leading player for most of the past five years, is in the team writes James Leigh.

Prean claims Chen assaulted

him during the World Cham-

pionships in Tianjim in May, an

Yorkshire-based former Chiregiand earlier this season but it was hoped he would have a change of heart after the decision by the National Council of the English Tahle Tennis Association last week — apparently against its management committee's wishes — that he should be allowed to represent Britain at next year's Olympic Games.

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**GLENN MOORE:** Rangers and SFA on collision course

# Internationals ignite transfer market

**Rugby Union** STEVE BALE

Rugby's brand-new transfer market went into a frenzy yesterday when Jonathan Davies was accompanied by Jonathan Griffiths in coming home to Wales, three internationals -Tony Underwood of England. Gary Armstrong and Doddie Weir of Scotland - prepared to join Newcastle, and two more - Mike Hall and Gareth Llewellyn of Wales registered

for Wasps. Cardiff finally gol their man when they suddenly agreed terms with Warrington to release Davies from his contract, an increased offer of £55,000 having been turned down on Monday. He could go into the team as soon as Saturday's Welsh First Division game against Aberavon.

Davies, who won 29 caps as Wales outside-half between 1985 and 1988, has signed a

week too late for him to be con-sidered for the Wales tcam to play Fiji on Saturday week but even at 33, a venerable age for a stand-off, he has every prospect of gaining a 30th cap in the Five Nations' Championship in the new year.

Underwood, meanwhile, will be in Newcastle today to sign his contract with the Second Division strugglers hut the gaff was blown when Leicester decided to reveal all once he had informed them of his departure. The three newcomers follow Rob Andrew, Dean Ryan, Steve Bates and Nick Popplewell to the North-east though none except Andrew is eligible to participate in Newcastle's fight against relegation until the lat-

ter stages of the season. Davies and Griffiths are the first British players to avail themselves of the gangway opened by the International Board once it had opened rugby union to professionalism. Griffiths is rejoining Llanelli for



a nominal fee from St Helens, and other exiles are bound to

follow. Kevin Ellis, a former Bridgend scrum-half, is talking to Neath and Swansea are courting the Lions prop David Young.

In the end, Warrington thought better of hanging to a plainty disaffected player, though yesterday Davies had nothing hut the kindest consideration for those he is leaving behind. "Since I moved to rugby league six years ago I have had a fantastic time and would



not change a minute of it," he said in a statement issued by an

"I can honestly say that I have given everything both mentally and physically to the teams I have played for and I have been well-rewarded not only financially but in fulfilment, friendship and team spirit. My departure is no reflection of my feelings for the game any more than my departure six years ago was a reflection on union.

needed something in excess of This way to the revolution - Page 26

chance I could not resist."

GARETH LLEWELLYN JONATHAN DAVIES JONATHAN GRIFFITHS Warrington (league) St Helens (league) to Cardiff (union) to Lianelli "In 1989 I was unsure about £60,000 to clinch the deal with my future and teague offered me security as well as a sporting challenge. Now that I am ap-proaching the end of my playing days the motivation is the same.
All the opportunities for me to ance by Davies. secure my long-term future are in south Wales. The fact that I

can take advantage of those as well as play for Cardiff is a Assuming Cardiff to have

Warrington, they could recoup the transfer fee in one go if the gate for the Aberavon match were to be increased by 10,000 on the strength of an appear-

Cardiff are certainly aware of the public-relations value of their distinguished recruit, though yesterday Gareth Davies, the cluh's chief executive, preferred to keep the welcome low-key: "He is a hig-name player. The publicity which will follow from this will be a big boost for Cardiff and Wales."

Andrew's triple signing for Newcastle is not quite all it seems. Weir last night admitted that he had signed a registration form to keep his options open but said he not discussed a contract and knew of no announcement set for today. Underwood, meanwhile, confirmed his departure from Leicester only when his club of the past eight years did it for him.

He is under instructions not to discuss his transfer until today but appreciates the seriousness of Newcastle's predicament at the nether end of the Second Division. On the assumption - given further cre-dence by the Rugby Football Union president, Bill Bishop, yesterday - that the 120-day qualification period will remain in force, Underwood will be eligible for only the final four league games, by which time Newcastle may already be as

good as down.

it that way. "I am going up there confident that relegation will not happen," he said last night Otherwise he is coy about why he should switch from the top end of the First Division.

"Really, I am not in a position now to give all my reasch he added. Tony Russ, 1 Leicester coaching direction was more forthcoming: "H has been offered a package of rugby plus a career opportuni-

Davies, Griffiths. Underwood, Armstrong and Weir were not the only contributors to yesterday's extreme transfer turbulence. Wasps have begun their fightback after losing Andrew and the rest by registering two Welsh internationals, Hall of Cardiff and Llewellyn of

And Leeds, of the Fifth Division North, have taken on Davies's stand-off successor at Llanelli, Colin Stephens, as player-coach.

# **Amokachi** boost for **Everton**

Football

Daniel Amokachi has come through a fitness test on his Winners' Cup second-round match with Fevenoord tomorrow.

Amokachi damaged the knce i in the 1-0 defeat by Aston Villa on Saturday, but fears of cartilage problems have been dismissed. The Nigerian international's fitness brought re-Hief for his manager, Joe Royle, who could be without almost £20ai worth of players for the second leg, which starts goalless.

Day'd Unsworth is the latest

casualty, ruled out after straining his back in the reserve team's defeat at Oldham on Monday. Anders Limpar damaged a foot in training and is rated doubtful, while Vinny Samways (hamstring and Earl Barrett (knce) are definitely out. With Andrei Kanchelskis incligible and Duncan Ferguson in ton's resources are stretched.

Jon O'Connor, a 19-yearold centre-half, has yet to make his first-team debut, but travels to Rotterdam today along with midfielder Joe Parkinson, who has recovered from a foot injury that kept him out for five weeks.

Craig Short, who has been in hospital undergoing tests for a virus, could be plunged straight back into senior action. "He's English, he's alive and so he's a report, and by the end of the in." said Roylc. "I mean no dis- week we should know how respect to Craig, but we have lost quickly we can progress," he another two English players in said.

David Unsworth and Vinny Samways, but it is something we just have to get on with."

Cettic, who lost 1-0 at Parc des Princes in the first leg of right knee and will be available their European Cup-Winners' for Everton's European Cup Cup match against Paris St-Germain, will put up the full house signs at Parkhead tomorrow, but the Glasgow club have failed in their attempt to take the capacity of the new ground to more than 37,000.

This summer, Celtic opened their £17m North Stand, which houses 26,000 fans and took the capacity to 34,000. All the seats are sold for the return leg against PSG, but red tape has halted plans to open a temporary structure holding 3,000 fans at the west end of the

"The temporary stand will not be open for the PSG match." the Celtic spokesman, Peter McLean, said. "All those supporters who have been sold tickets for the temporary stand will accommodated etsewhere in the ground on Thursday. There are no other tickets available and it simply shows the incredible interest in the club at the moment that the tickets were snapped up very quickly."

McLcan said there were "a number of areas" which had to be sorted out before the temporary stand could be given the go-ahead by the authorities. The contractors are compiling



# Martin may play despite fractured finger

**Cricket** 

England are still hoping to play Peter Martin in their penultimate warm-up match in East London before the first Test against South Africa. The Lan-

cashire seamer became the first injury victim of the tour when Ray Illingworth is still keen for he dislocated and fractured his right ring finger during last week's day-night victory over

Eastern Transvaal. Martin was selected for the four-day match against Bor-

him to play if possible. "Peter can bowl without any problem," he said. "It is a question of whether we can hide him in

the Test series gets under way in Pretoria.

If Martin cannot play against

Border, who lost by innings to Natal yesterday, then it is possible that Devon Malcolm may There is only one more game

### THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

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Perseverance pays off for Chang and Ferreira balwe, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, while the ninth-seeded Ferreira had a Tennis 6-2, 5-7, 6-4, victory over the American Richey Reneberg. Michael Chang and Wayne Fer-Pete Sampras, the top seed who is assured of regaining the reira survived three-set matches to advance to the third round No I ranking for at least a week, of the Paris Open yesterday. Chang, seeded fourth, rallied begins his challenge today.



Loud and proud: Henri Leconte celebrates victory over Aaron Krickstein in the Paris Open Photograph: Reuter

Chang used his strong service to beat Black, firing 14 aces with a speed up to 193 kilometres an hour (120 mph). He once strung three aces in a row to fight off set points early in the first set hefore dropping behind.

"It's nice to be able to throw in some big serves at important moments," Chang said. "It certainly gives you confidence because you know you can win some free points." He came back strongly to win the twohour match.

Ferreira wasted a match point in the second set at 5-4 and Reneberg came back to force a third set before bowing

Andre Agassi, currently ranked No 1, won the Paris tournament last year but a recurrence of his chest-muscle injury last week at Essen, forced him to withdraw from the event. As a result, he will lose those ATP ranking points, allowing Sampras to move up from second

The rankings are based on the results of a player's best 14 tournament results over the last 12 months. Sampras has won the Wimbledon title and the US Open this year while Agassi captured the Australian

Only Agassi, the injured Michael Stich and Yevgeny Kafelnikov are missing from the top 15 players in the world in this Paris tournament.

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